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Travellers wrangle drags on

TRAVELLERS are refusing to budge from land at a village leisure centre – and the centre has been told it is its responsibility to move them.

Three caravans and numerous trucks have been moved onto a corner of the sports fields at Littleport Leisure Centre.

The travellers arrived almost a month ago and as the *Weekly News* went to press, they had still not gone.

Andy Rutterford, manager of the leisure centre, in Camel Road, said he has been told it is the centre's responsibility to move them on.

He said: "The police, the district council's traveller liaison officer and the parish council have all been out but we've been told it is our responsibility because they are on our land.

"We're disgusted. We can't really afford to pay for bailiffs to come out and I've been told that even if the bailiffs move them off, they can come back a day later, which will then cost us again.

"They've been here for three weeks now. They're not causing any huge problems apart from they are driving their vehicles across our sports pitches which is a pain.

"Obviously we want them gone as soon as possible but every time we ask them whey they will be going they say they will be going in a week's time."

BY JORDAN DAY

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Littleport Parish Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and the police all say it is not their responsibility as the travellers are on private land.

A spokesman for East Cambridgeshire District Council said: "We have given advice to help the leisure centre and parish council. Because the travellers have parked on private land, it is not our responsibility. Councils only get involved when they are on public land, such as highways."

It comes just as the district council threw its weight behind a countywide plan to address the inequalities which gypsies and travellers face.

The plan outlines how authorities and emergency services will better co-ordinate their work with traveller communities to ensure issues such health, education and planning are tackled.

Cllr Ian Allen, the council's lead member on gypsy and traveller matters, said: "We like to think we live in an equal society, where everyone no matter their background or history is given a fair chance.

"However reading some of the research into the gypsy and traveller communities, it is clear inequalities are still very much in existence."

Piper plots charity boycott

THE Pied Piper of Ely is threatening to stop all his fundraising activities in the city unless swift action is taken by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Tony Pearson has graced Ely's streets with his pipes for years and more recently has been accompanied by his band, Ely Piper's Noyze.

They can regularly be seen entertaining the crowds in the city centre, while at the same time raising much-needed funds for the Ely Community First Responders.

The responders volunteer their spare time to get to the scene of an emergency before paramedics arrive, which often makes the difference between life and death.

Since 2009, Mr Pearson has raised almost £4,000 for the charity.

But because the responders now accompany the band while it performs to help collect any donations and raise awareness, the district council is now demanding they cannot be present unless they apply for a special street performing licence.

Mr Pearson, who lives in Prickwillow, says he applied for that licence at a neighbourhood panel meeting on January 25 – and that seven weeks later he still has not heard back from the council.

The authority insists Mr Pearson's application has now been submitted – but the piper says he feels "personally insulted".

He is worried about the future of the first responders and is urging the council to allow them to accompany the band without the need for a licence.

Licence row: Tony Pearson says he feels 'personally insulted' over his treatment by the council.

But Liz Knox, the authority's head of environmental services, insists it is national regulations that a licence is required and that Mr Pearson's licence has now been submitted to the council.

However Mr Pearson insists a licence should not be required.

He said: "I am personally insulted and unless this is taken seriously I will cease my fundraising activities in the city. As Ely's pied piper, I am permitted to play in Ely at any time without the need for a licence but because I choose to give away the money instead of keeping it, these collectors need a licence.

He added: "I am asking the council for special permission for the first responders to collect with us at any time without the need for a licence. Is this not The Big Society in action and if so, should it not be encouraged?"

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Protesters to continue parking charges fight

TRADERS insist they cannot quit their fight – despite contentious plans to bring car parking charges to Ely being deferred.

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Members of the Ely Traders' Association (ETA) are relieved that the proposals have been temporarily put on hold but say they still have work to do to prevent the charges being introduced.

The decision to defer the plans was made at a dramatic meeting of East Cambridgeshire District Council's development and transport sub-committee last Tuesday.

For months, the ETA, residents and Lib Dems have been campaigning against the charges, insisting they will kill-off Ely's city centre and encourage people to visit out-of-town supermarkets and businesses, where parking is free.

The committee heard how 12,000 people had signed a petition gathered by the ETA against the cuts – and that 406 people had taken part in the council's own consultation, of which more than three-quarters were against the plans.

At the meeting, councillors were expected to approve the introduction of a pre-pay annual permit scheme costing £20 per year or £50 for three years and the introduction of a fixed daily pay-and-display £1 charge per day for short-term parking and £2 charge per day for long-term parking.

The proposed scheme also included charging people £5 if they registered to change their vehicle.

Tears from councillors, pleas from the Ely Traders' Association (ETA) and anger from frustrated residents lead to the decision being deferred – sparking cheers from a packed public gallery.

Andrew Olley, a spokesman for the ETA, said: "We have been given a reprieve. This is a small victory for common sense but I hope it turns into a big victory for the people of Ely.

"Councillors found that they just couldn't openly defy such overwhelming public opinion.

"They couldn't deny their own consultation document and they couldn't refuse to listen to the local branch of the Conservative party, who openly disagreed with their own Conservative councillors.

"But they haven't done the right thing yet. We mustn't rest."

Confirming the move to defer the decision, John Hill, the council's chief executive, said: "In recognition of public concern and the petition, members in the development and transport sub-committee decided to defer a decision regarding on and off-street car parking for further consultation with Cambridgeshire County Council and the City of Ely Council.

"Should there be changes made to the proposals these will again be presented to the public for consultation."

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District's broadband users get upgrade

VIRGIN Media users in the Ely area are to receive free super-speedy broadband.

The company has announced that Ely customers will be getting double the speed for no extra cost.

The upgrades will be implemented throughout March and April.

Jon James, executive director of broadband at Virgin Media, said: "Virgin Media has driven broadband development in the UK and we're delighted to be boosting our customers' broadband speeds once again.

"Following our Double Speeds programme, all of our customers will be 'superfast' as standard and ready to access a new breed of high bandwidth entertainment services.

"By continuing to give our customers faster speeds and greater value services, we're committed to providing our customers the best broadband in the UK."

For more information, visit *www.virginmedia.com.*

Bosses are offered fire safety sessions

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is offering free information sessions to people who owns a business or are responsible for operating one.

Steve Cotton, the service's head of fire protection, said: "A lot of business owners aren't aware of their responsibilities, or just haven't thought about some of the fire risks in their premises.

"Our seminars will make these things easier to spot and put right, making their premises safer from fire."

For more information about the sessions, (01733) 353202.

Feeling fit: Barbara Kidman has lost 2 stones since September. Picture:

Barbara hits marathon trail

THREE thousand runners pounded the streets of Cambridge on Sunday for the city's first half marathon in 17 years.

Among the participants was 45-year-old Barbara Kidman, from Haddenham.

Donning her running shoes was a huge personal achievement for Mrs Kidman, who runs Slimming World classes in her village.

Since September, the mum-of-two has lost a 2 stones in weight – which has also helped her Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

She took part in the Cambridge Half Marathon not only to celebrate her new healthier lifestyle but also to raise money for Cancer Research UK after her sister Sandra Wilson, of Ely, survived breast cancer two years ago.

Mrs Kidman crossed the finish line in 2hours 49minutes 10 seconds and hopes to have raised £200 for the charity by taking part.

Dance raises hospice funds

EAST Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) are more than £800 better off thanks to a 1940s' charity dance.

The charity fundraiser was held at the Hiam Sports and Social Club in Prickwillow last Saturday.

Organised by Heather Hinkley and Nigel Fuller, the event included performances by the Galaxy Big Band, lots of fancy dress, a fish and chip supper and a grand raffle.

Just over £800 was raised for EACH.

Beet club celebrates £46k boost

A POPULAR sports and social club is to be given a new lease of life having secured more than £40,000 worth of funding.

Ely Beet Sports and Social Club, in Lynn Road, has been awarded £46,756 of Olympic legacy funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund.

The cash also means to club will carry the London 2012 Inspire mark, celebrating the link to the Olympic Games.

The funding will be used to modernise the club by installing new ceilings and lights, refurbishing the small kitchen, and carrying out some external repairs to the main building to help secure it.

Beet that: delighted club members receive their cheque. CP.

Jo Pearson, a spokeswoman for the club, said: "We are delighted to secure this funding, which will enable us to maintain and upgrade our club to facilitate our current sporting activities and, more importantly, enhance them over the next five years.

"We hope that this will increase the numbers of people who use the facility and ensure its existence over many years to come."

The project is one of 350 local community sports groups to get a share of £17.4million in Olympic legacy funding.

South East Cambridgeshire MP Jim Paice, said: "In the year when the Olympics and Paralympics come to the UK, it is absolutely great that money is able to be invested in local sports clubs including here in Ely."

District bus cuts looming in 2013

BUS services in the Ely area may not be axed this year – but some are likely to be cut next April.

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed what buses will have their subsidies axed this September, which include the Citi 7 between Whittlesford, Sawston and Saffron Walden, the 19 between Haverhill, Linton and Burrough Green, and the 101 between Saffron Walden, Duxford and Whittlesford.

The 16A between Great Thurlow and Cambridge, and the 16 and 17 between Haverhill and Newmarket, make up the rest of the first tranche.

But transport bosses do still plan to cut the 106 from Ely to Cottenham and the Ely city circular in April next year. The cuts are part of the county council's plan to save £2.7million each year.

Residents across the Ely area have urged the authority to make sure alternative services are in place before the routes are cancelled.

A survey carried out by the council was completed by 1,894 people and revealed that just 55 people, 2.9 per cent, supported services being axed with 81.8 per cent of people saying they did not support it. The remaining 15.3 per cent said it was too early to tell.

Disabled people said they would be hit hardest by the cuts, and arers and pensioners had similar worries.

Avril Winters, aged 76, from Soham, said: "Our public transport services are poor as it is. If more bus services are removed, so many people will be unable to get out and about, including myself. In fact, I'd be pretty much housebound."

Transport bosses say the existing subsidies are too expensive given the low passenger numbers on many routes.

Aldi wins new planning permission for store

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GERMAN supermarket chain Aldi has been given the green light to build a store in Ely – for the second time.

The new store, to be built at the former Thurlow Nunn Standen site in Lisle Lane, will be 990 square-metres and create around 30 new jobs in the city.

There will also be 85 car parking spaces and 26 cycle spaces.

East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee approved the plans on Wednesday with nine votes against two.

Bosses at the budget supermarket giant were originally given planning permission to build a food store and a non-food unit at the site in August 2008.

But no work on the development began and that permission expired, forcing the company to re-submit plans which it did in January this year.

In the fresh proposals, bosses decided to remove the non-food unit at the site, change the original access point, reduce the size of the food store to "improve efficiency", and remove the footpath they had originally planned through The Vineyards.

Instead, shoppers will now be encouraged to access Ely's city centre via Forehill – boosting trade for businesses and maintaining privacy for residents in The Vineyards area.

Cllr Bill Hunt, who represents Stretham ward, said: "Aldi's revised plans are much better, in my opinion.

"This new store will not only give shoppers more choice, create more jobs and make use of a redundant site but it will, like Sainsbury's has, further link the city centre with the Forehill and Waterside area.

"I'd like to think it'll further boost prosperity."

Cllr Mike Rouse, of Ely North ward, added: "I supported Aldi's plans in 2008 and I support them even more now.

"Removing the non-food store from the scheme has particularly improved things in my view."

The committee heard how there were concerns about increased traffic in the Lisle Lane and Broad Street area of Ely as a result of the new store, which has also worsened since Sainsbury's opened.

However, Section 106 money from Aldi and Sainsbury's will be used to improve infrastructure in the city, the council has insisted.

Planning officer, Ann Caffall, who recommended that the Aldi plans were approved, said: "The removal of the non-food unit has allowed for the reconfigured access, an improved car park layout and the proposed food store will remain at the rear of the site, enabling the retention of views to Ely Cathedral from Lisle Lane.

"The application seeks to redevelop the site for an Aldi food store, which will both quantitatively and qualitatively enhance the retail offer in Ely."

Class of their own: King's School's top maths scholars. CP.

Count those lucky A stars

A CLASS of 20 students who sat their GCSE Maths exam six months earlier than usual have all scooped the top A* grade.

The results mark an exceptional hat-trick for the King's School Ely.

Classes of Year 11 students all achieved straight A* early passes in 2011 and 2010.

Steve Cavill, head of maths at King's, said: "It's a remarkable achievement for a whole class to pass at A*, especially as they sat the exam earlier than usual, and to achieve such success three years in a row is incredible.

"It is all down to confidence. If young people can develop a fluency in algebra from an early age then they are able to excel in Maths as it gets more and more complex.

"The class of 2012 worked really hard. They all wanted to do well and they are all delighted that they've emulated the success of the classes of 2011 and 2010. All my colleagues in the Maths department are very proud of them all."

Dancers set for gala date

TALENTED dancers from Ely are to perform in a gala showcase at the Cambridge Corn Exchange.

Students from The Feathers School of Dance will be taking to the stage at the event on Sunday, March 25 alongside Two and a Half Men, who were semi-finalists in *Britain's Got Talent 2011*.

For tickets or more information, visit *www.stagecoach.co.uk* or *www.thefeathersschoolofdance.co.uk*.

The Feathers are also holding Easter and summer workshops for youngsters through to adults.

For more information, call Jennie on 07920 875926.

Hundreds of households are braced for hosepipe ban

THOUSANDS of Anglian Water customers in the Ely area will be hit by a hosepipe ban, it has been confirmed.

Anglian Water has announced the ban in the drought-hit East of England region will start from Thursday, April 5 – just before the Easter weekend.

Among those affected will be people living in the Ely and Newmarket areas – and it will be the first time hosepipe use has been outlawed for more than 20 years.

People who flout the ban could be fined up to £1,000.

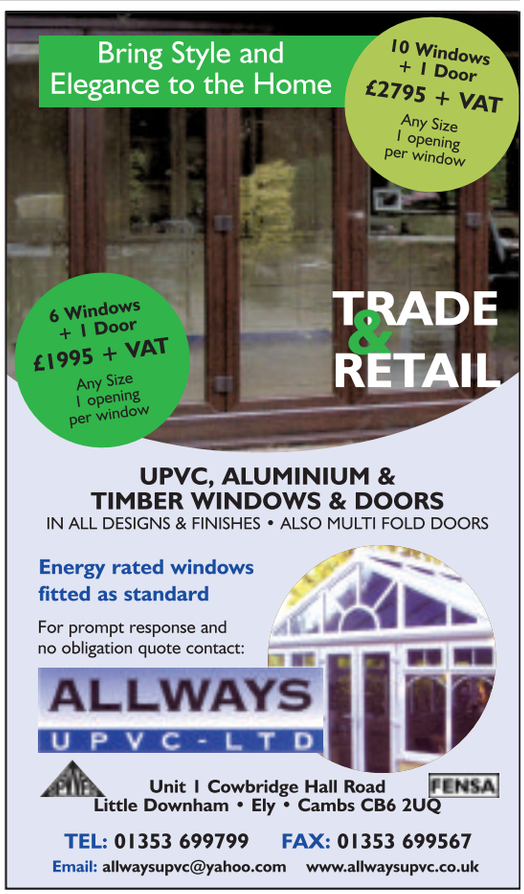
Peter Simpson, managing director of Anglian Water, said: "This is one of those times when everyone needs to pull together and help save water.

"We are not telling people to stop doing what they have to, but to adapt their behaviour to reflect the severity of the situation."

At present, the ban will only apply to domestic use of hosepipes for things like gardening, washing cars and windows, running sprinklers and pressure washers, and filling paddling pools.

Businesses and other commercial operations are not affected.

For more information, visit *www.anglianwater.co.uk*.



Drought's welcome in Welney

THE drought may be causing chaos for people and animals across the region – but for residents in Welney it is proving to be convenient.

A lack of rain has meant the notorious A1101 Welney Causeway has remained dry and for the first time in around five years has not flooded all winter.

It means villagers and the many motorists who use the A1101 can access the Ely and Cambridge area without having to make a detour of around 30 miles via Downham Market.

Current water levels stand at around 1.3m – not enough to trouble the road.

The highest level recorded at the causeway in recent times stood at 3.58m in March 2010.

When water levels rise, the road is closed to traffic between the Suspension Bridge and Hundred Foot Bridge.

The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, which has a reserve in Welney, has recently warned that the lack of rainfall is having a massive impact on wildlife.

The lack of rain means the grassland habitats are not being flooded, which means there is less food for grazing waterfowl, causing a decline in the number of wintering birds, such as wigeon.

But the fact the A1101 is not flooded does mean more visitors are able to access the centre.

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Man serious after 'suffering stroke'

AN elderly man is in a "serious" condition in hospital after suffering a suspected stroke.

Emergency services, including the air ambulance, were called to a property in Camel Road, Littleport, on Sunday and found a man in his 80s with "life threatening" symptoms. It is believed the man had suffered a stroke.

Paramedics arrived at 4.55pm and conveyed the victim to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, by land ambulance.

Police appeal for help after level crossing collision

INFORMATION about a collision between a car and a train which "could have been fatal" is being sought by the British Transport Police.

A blue Ford Focus Fusion drove onto the tracks at Littleport's Victoria Street level crossing into the side of the First Capital Connect service to King's Lynn just after 8am.

The 71-year-old driver of the car and a passenger received hospital treatment for minor injuries.

Pc Chris Abel, the investigating officer for the British Transport Police (BTP), said: "The level crossing barriers were in the down position in preparation for the train service to pass through.

"When the train was about halfway through the crossing, the driver of the car drove through the barrier and collided with the side of the train towards the back of the first carriage."

He said the outcome could have been much more serious and appealed for people to help compile a picture of events in the run up to the crash.

He said: "The consequences of this incident could have been fatal but, fortunately, the train, which had been travelling at 80mph, was able to stop and neither the vehicle occupants or anyone on the train was badly injured.

"We will continue to work closely with Network Rail in the area to improve knowledge and where necessary to take action against those who continue to misuse crossings.

"Level crossings – and other crossings where road, footpaths and rail cross – are designed to keep people safe and when used correctly that is exactly what they do. We now need to piece together the chain of events leading up to the collision."

The collision took place on February 25. Call the BTP on (0800) 405040 with the reference B7/LNA of 07/03/2012 or call Crimestoppers on (0800) 555111.

Film fans give thumbs up to cinema scheme

It's all yours: deputy store manager Ian Westwood hands Julie the keys to her new car. CP

Pensioner lands car star prize

THERE are smiles all round for Ely resident Julie Hamilton after she won a brand new car.

Mrs Hamilton, 66, got to drive away in the grey-coloured Hyundai i10, worth almost £8,000, on Saturday after taking part in a competition at Ely's Tesco store.

She was one of five people to get through to the final of the competition, which was entered by more than 5,000 people.

Each finalist chose a golden envelope containing a number from one to five. This number indicated which order they would step forward and select a key to unlock the car.

Only one lucky key could unlock the door, which turned out to be Mrs Hamilton's.

She said: "I can't believe my luck – I have never won anything.

"I simply couldn't believe it, I had to ask my husband to pinch me. Once the realisation had sunk in I felt great. I love my new car."

The four runners-up each picked up a £200 Tesco gift card as a thank you for taking part.

TALKS that a cinema could be built in Ely have excited movie lovers.

Residents insist that Ely needs a large cinema and that building one in the city should be a priority.

It comes after the *Weekly News* revealed that district councillors have been speaking to a "major cinema company" about possibly building a cinema in the city.

It is not known which firm or where a cinema might go – but it is believed Angel Drove is the most likely site.

Cllr Tom Hunt, who represents Ely South on East Cambridgeshire District Council, revealed that talks had taken place.

He said he could not name the company at present but described it as "exciting" news.

Residents insist Ely needs a large cinema, not just to cater for people in Ely itself but film fans across the district.

Fran Pochetty, from Soham, said: "My children and I love to go to the cinema but we have to drive into Cambridge in order to do that.

"If Ely had its own cinema it would be just marvellous.

"In this day and age, people should not have to drive miles and miles to go and see a film. Building a cinema in Ely should be treated as a priority."

Harry Bayliss, from Ely, said: "I know Ely is a rural city but I think it must be one of the only cities in the UK which hasn't got a large industrial area with a cinema and restaurants.

"These are facilities that a population needs and will use.

"Currently, everyone in Ely, Soham, Littleport and the surrounding villages who want to see the latest films have to drive around 45 minutes down the road.

"If we had a cinema on our doorsteps it would certainly bring Ely into the 21st century."

Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC) currently runs an Ely Cinema programme at The Maltings on Thursdays and Sundays.

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Talks taken place: Cllr Tom Hunt.

Caroline Cawley, ADeC marketing manager, said the organisation would welcome the opportunity to talk with councillors about the plans.

Council leader Peter Moakes, added: "Aspirations of the Ely masterplan saw the need to develop leisure facilities for all ages and abilities.

"Part of this was to bring in things like a cinema and we continue towards this goal."

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Police drugs seizure

POLICE have discovered a cannabis factory at a property in Ely.

It is not known how many cannabis plants were inside the house, in Waterside, but officers have confirmed there was a "large amount".

Police raided the house just after 4pm on Sunday following concerns from a landlord about a tenant at his property.

The home was unoccupied when officers forced their way in.

The plants have been seized, as well as a heating and watering system which had been set up to cultivate the plants.

No arrests have yet been made.

Detective Inspector Donna Wass said: "I would urge anyone who has any information about this cannabis factory to contact police.

"In particular, if you knew the tenant or saw any suspicious activity in Waterside over the past couple of months, call us."

Anyone with any information should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Environment challenge is thrown down

RESIDENTS, businesses and organisations in the Ely area are being challenged to become more energy efficient.

The Ely Energy Challenge is the brainchild of local entrepreneur Peter Bates and was launched on Saturday, March 10.

Mr Bates, owner of specialist energy efficiency firm The 80percent Company, is running the month-long challenge to coincide with national Climate Week, which runs until March 18.

Residents, schools, businesses and community groups are being urged to take part to save energy and money.

Mr Bates said: "We have to make people more aware of what is on offer in order to reduce fuel poverty and to reduce carbon emissions that result in using extra fossil fuels.

"UK homes are some of the most poorly insulated in the whole of Europe."

To get involved with the challenge or for more information, call Mr Bates on (01353) 667973 or visit *www.elyenergy.co.uk*.

Anger as pool forced into another closure

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PARENTS are furious after a children's swimming pool suffered yet another shutdown.

The children's swimming pool at Paradise Pool in Ely had to close as tiles were lifting.

The facility was closed down on Saturday, February 25 and Leisure Connection, which runs the pool on behalf of East Cambridgeshire District Council, only re-opened it on Saturday, March 10.

Around 300 tiles had to be replaced.

Residents are "sick" of issues at the pool.

Mum-of-two Hannah McNaught, of Prickwillow Road, Ely, said: "Paradise Pool is meant to be a facility to serve the whole of East Cambridgeshire, not just Ely.

"It is an absolute joke. We can't use the children's pool as the tiles are lifting but the same thing happened in 2010. Why are they lifting again?

"There is always something wrong with the children's or the adult pool and I think everyone's just sick of it now.

"It's about time the council got to grips with the facilities there, including the hygiene."

In recent months, the News has reported how families were boycotting the pool, describing its condition as disgusting.

Facilities there have been closed down on numerous occasions due to tiles lifting or hygiene issues.

Only in January this year the pool had to close after a primary school reported an outbreak of threadworm having been swimming.

The district council is currently seeking a new management company to take over the pool's contract.

A spokesman for the council said: "During routine inspections of the pool, some tiles where found to be coming away from the floor in the middle of the leisure pool.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused."

Don't spoil your tea: youngsters from Highfield special school with their gift of goodies.

Picture: Richard Patterson 811753.

Kind staff pass on sweet treats

HIGHFIELD special school in Ely has been presented with a hamper filled with goodies – thanks to generous supermarket staff.

Employees at Iceland, in The Cloisters, won the hamper, worth around £100, as a treat from the company for exceeding their Christmas targets.

But instead of keeping the hamper for themselves, staff unanimously agreed to donate it to charity.

Lindsey Clarke, a supervisor at Iceland, said: "The hamper's full of goodies. There are loads of chocolate, Easter eggs, crisps, sweets and so on.

"Instead of sharing the contents between the 30 or so staff at Iceland we all agreed that it'd be nice to donate it to charity.

"We chose Highfield School as they not only do a marvellous job but they're also local to Ely.

"The children are frequent visitors to our store and it was brilliant to see the smiles on their faces when we handed the hamper over to them."

Burst pipe hits housholds

ANGLIAN Water has apologised to villagers after some were left without water for more than 24 hours.

Residents in the Littleport and Little Downham area experienced problems at the weekend after a 12-inch water main which feeds Littleport Water Tower burst.

The alarm was raised at around noon on Saturday and engineers were sent out.

The incident affected around 5,000 properties, but Anglian Water saidthe majority of those had supplies restored quickly.

But around 150 properties were left without water until about 5.30pm on Sunday.

A spokesman for Anglian Water said: "We're genuinely sorry for the interruption to supply that people in Littleport and Little Downham may have experienced over the weekend.

"We did deliver some bottled water to our most vulnerable customers while we carried out the repair.

"We are very sorry for the disruption that this will have caused but with 40,000km of pipe work to look after, much of it buried underground, it's inevitable that ongoing repairs will always be a part of our job."

District looks to the future

A MAJOR plan is being created to determine how East Cambridgeshire should grow and develop over the next 20 years.

The blueprint will be similar to the masterplans and village visions – but will focus on the entire district instead of Ely or individual towns and villages.

Residents are being urged to contribute to the plan and have their say.

Cllr Peter Moakes, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Over recent years we have developed a number of plans specifically for local areas.

"These, by their very nature, have focused on the issues which individual towns and villages face and the challenges of growth.

Twenty-year vision: East Cambs council leader Peter Moakes.

"This work has been very successful and has allowed communities to discuss and debate what they see as important – the task now is to bring these together in a plan for the whole district."

The plan will act as a guide to how the district should grow over the next two decades and the council is asking people to give their views on a range of issues.

Cllr Moakes said: "I would urge anyone who cares about East Cambridgeshire to take part in this consultation and tell us how the future should be shaped."

The consultation will run until Monday, March 26.

To have your say, call the council on (01353) 665555 or visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

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Artist to shine light on Babylon exhibits

AN artist who explores the phenomenon of light will be showcasing her work in Ely.

Chris Wood works with a variety of optical materials such as mirror, glass, lenses and lenticular films in order to exploit the aesthetic potential of light.

She will be exhibiting her work at the Babylon Gallery in Ely from Saturday until Sunday, April 15.

Mrs Wood originally studied furniture design but went on to study glass at the Royal College of Art, where she worked on architectural-scale projects dealing with light and space.

She lives and works in Stretham producing commissioned work for the public and private sector.

She has been commissioned by many large organisations such as IPC Media, Deloitte & Touche and Barclays, and is currently working on projects for the new maternity unit at Addebrooke's Hospital.

Entry to the exhibition, which is open from 12-4pm everyday, is free.

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Act now over council vision

Sir, Once again we can rely on East Cambridgeshire District Council to put forward a public consultation which is not a consultation. The latest is titled *What is your vision for East Cambridgeshire?* The consultation period is March 5 to 26, so you need to move quickly if you want to comment. I only found it by chance on the council website, they did not publicise it until after the consultation had started, which leaves little time for the public to react.
Our responses are required reference a possible 8-9,000 new houses being built over the next 20 years, mainly on new large sites,(size and location unspecified), on the edge of Ely, Soham and Littleport. We do have the opportunity to say that this new level of housing growth is 'about right', 'too high', or 'too low'. Also we can say whether we are in favour of the continuing pressure to create 500 new jobs a year, which if achievable would provide 10,000 new jobs. However, no mention is made of the type of development that would be allowed to produce this result such as manufacturing, high tech, retail parks, leisure centres or others. Will I fill out the questionnaire in spite of its inadequacies? Oh yes.

Jane Howell (Mrs)
Hillrow
Haddenham.

Work of ADeC was dismissed

Sir, With reference to your story last week where Cllr Tom Hunt revealed that some 'major cinema company' was interested in coming to Ely, he seemed to dismiss all the brilliant work ADeC do in delivering the latest films two to three times a week, including matinees.
Of course, ADeC could run Ely Cinema every night if the need was there and Cllr Hunt's party hadn't let Compass run rings around them when drawing up the contract, so that the Maltings has a very limited use for community events such as these.
The cinema is manned by paid and volunteer ADeC staff supported by Malting bar employees, and I think Cllr Hunt will find a very professional and enjoyable experience should he visit, marred only by some broken seating which the district council has been slow to replace.
But guess what? Word has it, that multi screen cinemas are on the decline and the public are looking for something more intimate, in a unique setting with a bar and facilities for live streaming of national theatre, ballet, opera and music gigs. Sounds like something the Maltings could aspire to – if only Cllr Hunt can fix the chairs.

Ted Coney
Waterside
Ely

No rain means we get drought

Sir, I cannot believe the surprise expressed by BBC and Anglia TV and others that we have a serious drought. Last year, Soham had no rain for about five months from March. What is wrong with planners and councillors who are desperate to put our county under concrete ? What happened to cutting the suit to fit the cloth ? I have been banging on about the effect of drought on Wicken Fen and mass development for several years but nobody has taken a blind bit of notice. In fact some have accused me of being wrong. Well, now we are in for a hosepipe ban very soon. No doubt the building will continue and the National Trust will encourage wetland birds to its site. Time that lessons were learned and responsibility exercised. What will happen when farmers have no water for crops and all the incomers and the rest of us have no water? Third world conditions – and I doubt anyone will come to our rescue !

D Donald
Soham

Great outdoors: Wicken Fen, which D Donald, of Soham, says he has been mentioning for several years in relation to the question of drought.

British deaths are in vain

Sir, I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to MP James Paice.
Dear Jim,
I first wrote to you regarding Afghanistan in June, 2008. At that time, the total of British deaths "over there" had reached 100. I urged then that a line should be drawn under a disaster.
Today's terrible news – that six more British soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan – brings the total of British deaths to 404.
I submit that all of those British deaths have been in vain and that nothing has been achieved in Afghanistan.
I urge you, please, to use all of your influence towards achieving a speedy exit for our service people from Afghanistan. And by a speedy exit, I do not mean the end of 2014: I mean now.

Geoffrey Woollard
Chapel Farm
River Bank
nr Upware,

It's about what's best for Ely

Sir, I do not know Eddie Holden personally and wish him no ill but most weeks when I turn to the letters page of my favourite local newspaper I am greeted by his ramblings. Are the local papers so lacking letters that they are forced to submit Mr Holden's ramblings each week?
Last week Mr Holden took a rather unpleasant tone about Mr Olley and the proposed parking charges in Ely and while I appreciate, due to print times, he was a little premature with his celebratory comments his overall tone was nothing short of nasty. He criticised Mr Olley and the traders' petition that had more than 12,000 signatures that the council chose to spend time and money verifying, and once they removed those that had not submitted addresses or from out of the area it was revised to a still significant total of 8,000. Mr Holden does not ask if the council spent time and money verifying the 406 people that took part in their consultation.
Mr Holden suggests that you win some and you lose some. Well, I would say that on this occasion the result of parking charges is not about winning and losing but about the best future for Ely.
I would suggest Mr Holden faces the reality that he is not a spokesperson for the council.

Emma Palmer
by email

'Views' are just name calling

Sir, Another week, another letters page and yet another tirade attacking others from Mr Eddie Holden.
I am sure I am not the only local resident who is tired of this man's inaccurate and ill-informed opinions being published time and time again.
I am disappointed that our local paper sees fit to encourage this behaviour by continually printing his so called "views" which appear to amount to nothing more than him name calling and ridiculing other local people.
Andrew Olley is not "jumping up and down like a spoilt schoolboy" – he has run an organised, well structured and coherent campaign against the introduction of parking charges. He has done this with the support of most local independent traders, the majority of Ely and district residents, employees of local businesses and visitors to the city.
The petition numbers were reduced by the council, which was their prerogative, and is perfectly normal with regards to signature collations. They may have been overzealous in some aspects of the calculation, yet still they could not reduce the numbers any further than 8,000 – which remains a very impressive figure.
This does not equate to Mr Olley having "made a total hash of it".
Rather, it looks like Mr Olley has made a huge success of it.
Was Mr Holden at the meeting on March 6? The views of a wide cross section of the community were shared and each and every one was against the introduction of charges.
Perhaps Mr Holden should also have spoken because he'd have been the only member of the public in favour and, therefore, I'm sure he'd have added something constructive to the debate.
The fact that the decision has been deferred; that the discussions at that meeting took place and that some councillors showed some backbone and considered the electorate, is a huge achievement and very far from being, as Mr Holden puts it, "a damp squib".
How many "damp squibs" appear as a news item on the BBC ? How many "damp squibs" are referred to in Government commissioned reports ? How many "damp squibs" receive support from thousands of local people all with the same viewpoint ? How many "damp squibs" are interviewed on local radio stations ? It's a very popular and in demand damp squib, isn't it ?
Unless these constant derogatory comments and criticisms are a subversive means of encouraging more support to the anti-parking charges cause, then I would like to suggest that Mr Holden should be the one to "take it like a man" and start issuing a few apologies rather than insults.

Mrs H Morrison
by email

Join us on our country clean

Sir, The signs of spring are everywhere and we will soon be organising our annual spring clean of Ely's wild spaces.
We would like to invite local people to join us us at the top of Kiln Lane at 2pm on March 31. We will provide equipment and will reward you with tea , home made cakes and scones at Ely Sailing Club.

Liz Hunter Chairman LCPRE
(Elywildspace
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Jailed: Ben Edwards.

120mph crash driver is jailed

BY ALICE HUTTON

Email: editorial@elyweekly news.co.uk

A DRIVER who killed a couple in a horrific collision has been jailed for four years by a judge, who concluded that he fell asleep at 120mph while travelling on the wrong side of the road.

Ben Edwards was 21 years old when, fuelled by a night of drinking, he dozed off at the wheel and drove his Mercedes sports car into a couple's vehicle as they were heading off for a dream holiday in the Dominican Republic.

Edwards was found guilty last month at a trial which heard how he caused the deaths of father of twin girls Paul Adams, 40, and Kathryn Dunn, 26, as they made their way along the A142 Fordham bypass in their Mercedes CLK.

Sentencing him at Cambridge Crown Court, Judge Gareth Hawkesworth said of the crash: "Fate has rarely been so cruel."

But Kym Scott, sister of Paul Adams, told the *Weekly News* no sentence would "make up for our loss".

Edwards, now 26, of Northfield Road, Soham, suffered horrific neurological injuries and was in a coma after the crash on March 11, 2007.

He was on his way home from De Niro's nightclub in Newmarket and was 10mg over the legal drink-drive limit and had traces of cannabis in his blood.

Mark Shelley, mitigating, said it had been hard for Edwards to plead guilty because he had no memory of the crash. Judge Hawkesworth concluded Edwards had fallen asleep at the wheel while travelling at 120mph on the wrong side of the road.

He said: "The impact on the families of these two persons was immeasurable and grievous. I would be failing in my public duty if I did not impose a substantial sentence. [But] it will be seen as little compensation."

Speaking on behalf of both families after the sentencing, Kym said: "It has been a long and difficult five years for all of us. No sentence is enough to make up for our loss. We struggle every day to come to terms with what has happened."

Edwards was also banned from driving for five years and will have to take his test again.

Tragic: Paul Adams and Kathryn Dunn.

£120k cash for the community

A VILLAGE hall, a children's play area and a community theatre group are set to benefit from a cash windfall totalling almost £120,000.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has awarded its latest round of Section 106 funding, which comes from developments in the district.

Haddenham Parish Council has been awarded £56,394 to help upgrade the children's play area on the village recreation ground.

The parish council will also receive £4,000 to build new storage sheds for cricket and football equipment.

Littleport Parish Council has been awarded £37,706, which it will be using to repair the roof of the village hall, in Victoria Street.

£395 has also been handed out for the parish council to replace a CCTV camera in the area of St George's Church.

In Soham, the town's Viva Arts and Community Group, in Churchgate Street, has been awarded £11,976 to help repair the building's roof after tiles were dislodged in recent bad weather.

The Ellesmere Centre Charitable Trust, in Stetchworth, will also receive £8,019 to help refurbish the changing rooms, showers and toilets at the leisure centre.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, chairman of the East Cambridgeshire District Council's community and environment sub-committee, said: "Repairing roofs and replacing toilets may seem fairly mundane and functional but having the best facilities allows residents the chance to come together and make the best use of their community buildings."

For more information about the community facilities fund, phone (01353) 665555.

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Births

JAGGARD
Adrian and Selina

are pleased to announce the birth of their twins

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and

Zach Robert

born on 7th February, 2012.

Also thanks to everyone for the gifts and support we received.

Deaths

JOAN ELIZABETH BROWN

of Baird Lodge, Ely, passed away in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday, 7th March, 2012, aged 93 years young. Dearly loved mum and mum-in-law, the most wonderful nan and great-nan, and wife of her late husband Peter. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel on Tuesday, 20th March at 1.00pm. By request, no black please. Family flowers only, donations may be given to Baird Lodge Tenants Fund, they can be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Services, 4 Tower Road, Ely, CB7 4HW.

Birthdays

80th Birthday

GRAHAM FOLLEN

Happy 80th Birthday 18th March 2012.

Lots of love,
Brenda, Alan, Peter and Grandchildren
x x x

70th Birthday

IRENE JACKSON

Happy 70th Birthday Mum.

Lots of love,
Carole, Lindsay, Jo, Mark, Helen and Andrew
x x x x x x

Acknowledgements

BURLING. Mary. The Bedford family would like to thank all those who came to the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mary Burling and gave donations to St George's Church, Little Thetford in her memory. The occasion was a lovely tribute for her life.

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Keith
x x x

IRENE JACKSON

Happy 70th Birthday Grandma.

Lots of love,
Ashley, Bethany, Laura, Katie and Harriet
x x x
x x

Place your Family Notices with your local Newspaper by telephoning 01353 66 79 16 or call into 27 Market Place, Ely

Charity gets £5k windfall

A CHARITY which works with children and young people in East Cambridgeshire has been awarded more than £5,000 in funding.

Community Carts is a relatively new charity which works with youngsters who live in villages in the Ely area.

Volunteers work to improve young people's skills through recreational and leisure time activities.

The charity has been awarded £5,375 by *Localgiving.com's* Match Fund Initiative.

Mike Oliver, a spokesman for the charity, said the money will be used to fund a special youth programme in Mepal.

He said: "This money will help fund our holiday programme for young people in Mepal, in particular a programme for young girls which will focus on building self esteem and confidence through health and fitness."

For more information about the charity, visit *www.communitycarts.co.uk.*

Chance to try korfball

LITTLEPORT Lions Korfball Club are offering budding players a chance to try the sport for free.

Lions train at Littleport Leisure Centre on Tuesdays from 8.30pm to 10pm, and anyone wishing to try korfball is invited to come along and have a go at free sessions starting next week and running until the end of April.

For more information, email *andrewdunlop@hotmail.com* or visit *www.littleport-lions.co.uk*

Jubilee call for helpers

PEOPLE and groups are being given the chance to perform at Ely's Diamond Jubilee Party in the Park this summer.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the City of Ely Council is organising the bumper celebration for June 4.

The council is looking for local people or small groups to entertain the crowds.

A council spokeswoman said: "Acts can be anything from playing the spoons to clog dancing, so long as you don't require amplified sound."

For more information, call (01353) 661016 or email *sarah.jay@cityofelycouncil.org.*

A dog's life: proud owner Andrew Hall with Loo, Best of Breed at Crufts. CP.

Crufts triumph for local owner

LOO the Bouvier Des Flandres proved that every dog has its day after wagging away with a top prize at Crufts.

The 2-year-old bitch was one of more than 26,000 dogs at Birmingham's NEC, presented by the Kennel Club, and trotted off with the prestigious Best of Breed award. Owner Andrew Hall, from Prickwillow, fought off competition from 55 other dogs to scoop the coveted prize before going on to compete for Best in Group.

Mr Hall said: "It was a great day as we did the double. Loo was the Best Bitch and got the Best of Breed by beating my other dog.

"It was a long day and a lot of hard work so to finish if off like we did was absolutely amazing – it really is a great feeling.

"Coming to Crufts is always a great occasion. I have been coming here for 24 years but this is my first Best of Breed."

Cyclists start campaign to boost biking

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A CAMPAIGN has been launched in a bid to make Ely more cyclist friendly.

Similar to the Cambridge Cycling Campaign, it is hoped the Ely Cycling Campaign will improve biking facilities in the city and encourage more people to ride instead of drive.

Andy Shaw, a spokesman for the campaign, said: "The main aim at the moment is to get more people involved.

"There are already a few people who have got in contact, which is great, but the campaign really needs as many people behind it as possible.

"Hopefully the campaign can help make Ely into a cycle friendly city with more people choosing to ride their bikes rather than drive their cars.

"We believe this will help with congestion and also keep the city centre vibrant.

"You only have to go to Cambridge to see what can be achieved."

East Cambridgeshire District Council recently announced it had almost £500,000 of Section 106 funding available to spend on traffic and access improvements in the city centre, which includes cycling facilities.

The campaign is now working alongside the district council and the county council.

Mr Shaw said: "Obviously getting people out of their cars and onto their bikes is a great way to ease traffic congestion and we think that they should spend a sizeable chunk of that half a million on cycle facilities.

"We would like to hear people's ideas and suggestions about how traffic flow and management could be improved in Ely and also to hear about any concerns or difficulties people are experiencing.

"The fund is not just for motor traffic improvements but also for pedestrian access and cycle facilities.

"We are working with the councils on this project and hope to start building up a picture of traffic issues over the next three months, after which time we will do further consultation in the Market Place and in the Lisle Lane area, speaking to residents, shoppers and tourists."

For more information about the campaign, visit *www.elycycle.org.uk* or search for 'Ely Cycling Campaign' on Facebook and Twitter.

Karl's cracking on with Kiwi business

KARL Smith may look like any other 15-year-old student – but don't be fooled.

He may have lots of GCSEs to revise for and college to attend every day but as well as that he is running his own successful business.

The savvy student, who lives in Ely and attends Ely College, launched his own company, Groovy Kiwi, just over a year ago.

Groovy Kiwi makes and distributes promotional and personalised goods, such as rubber wristbands, stationery and accessories.

The firm is also able to make personalised T-shirts and baseball caps.

Karl, who lives with his family in Tennyson Place, launched his business as part of a school project and had 500 wrist bands made, selling them to the school and students.

But since then the company has gone from strength to strength, distributing thousands of wristbands and other products to firms and organisations.

He said: "I have two suppliers of wristbands, one for smaller orders and one for larger orders.

"I have already covered my setting up costs and hope to continue making money to help fund my way through university."

The wristbands come in a variety of colours and lettering, which can include company and organisation names and contact details. Karl also donates five per cent of his profits to a kiwi sanctuary in New Zealand.

For more information, visit *www.groovykiwi.com* or email *wassup@groovykiwi.com*.

Entrepreneur: Karl Smith has launched Groovy Kiwi, which distributes promotional goods like rubber wristbands.

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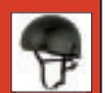

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Cathedral renovators' debt crisis

A MAJOR building firm which carried out restoration work at Ely Cathedral has gone into administration.

E Bowman & Sons, based in Stamford, Lincolnshire, has been placed in the hands of administrators FRP Advisory with debts of £2.6million.

The firm, which was established in 1886, laid off the majority of its 53 staff.

Joint administrator Chris Stirland said: "The business is not in a position to trade and so we will begin the process of orderly wind down."

Bosses at Ely Cathedral used the firm to carry out recent restoration work on the Porta and the North Transept.

They also helped to refurbish the cathedral's South Transept in 2010.

A spokeswoman for the cathedral said that all the work had been completed and that the company's problems did not affect the cathedral.

The firm had an annual turnover of £10million to £14million, and specialised in refurbishing heritage properties.

Military history: Helen Maynard shows her German private's tunic to John Ireland.
Picture: David Johnson
810777.

Experts eye up heirlooms

A SILVER tray, antique jewellery and a dozen pencil sketches were among the treasures discovered in Ely.

Antique experts from Stamford-based Batemans Auctioneers held a valuation day at The Babylon Gallery, in Waterside last Friday.

Residents dug deep into their cupboards and hunted their lofts for any hidden treasures they could find before taking them along to get them valued.

Caroline Cawley, marketing manager at ADeC, which organised the event, said: "We had lots of interesting pieces, with 12 pencil sketches from Isabella Ledbury from her Grand Tour in 1837, a silver Portuguese tray which could be worth over £1,000, a charming Arts and Crafts tea set and lots of gold and silver.

"The next valuation day will be at The Babylon Gallery in September so there's plenty of time to search for hidden treasures."

Motocross track loses bid for plans approval

A CONTROVERSIAL motocross track has been rejected formal planning permission – but will still be able to operate.

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

It was in September last year that Andrew Villis applied to Fenland District Council for planning permission to open Mepal Motopark in Block Fen, Mepal.

Mr Villis had been operating the track for three years prior to the application, despite having no planning permission.

On March 7, the district council's planning committee voted to reject his application.

However, the law allows him to still hold 14 events per year.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, 32-year-old Tom Smith, from the Surrey area, was killed in a crash at the track in January this year.

Police launched an investigation although the racing event, organised by the British Schoolboy Motorcycle Association, was permitted and health and safety regulations were in place.

The track has been at the centre of controversy with residents and the district council ever since it was opened.

One resident, who did not want to be named, said: "I am pleased with the planning committee's decision but I don't think this is the end of things.

"The sad thing is we are not against the actual track. It is the noise we are against. It is unbearable.

"We live in the countryside for a reason and that is not to hear motorbikes throughout the day. It's like a chainsaw being run in your back garden all the time.

"If there were measures in place to reduce noise then we'd all be happy."

Numerous residents have complained about excessive noise and claim Mr Villis opens it for more than 14 events each year.

The council has also experienced numerous delays with the application, having to defer decisions numerous times as Mr Villis had failed to submit important noise level reports on time.

A spokesman for the district council confirmed the application had been rejected.

He also confirmed that allegations that the track is open for more than 14 events per year will now be investigated now that the application has been dealt with.

The *Weekly News* tried to contact Mr Villis, but he was not available for comment.

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Teen arrested in protest

A TEENAGER from Littleport was arrested when around 200 people protested outside Cambridge University's Union Society.

The 19-year-old man was charged with obstructing a police officer at the protest, which happened last Friday when Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former head of the International Monetary Fund, gave a talk.

Also arrested and charged were a 21-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man, both from Cambridge, on suspicion of criminal damage.

The decision to invite Mr Strauss-Khan, who faced charges of sexually assaulting New York maid Nafissatou Diallo, which were later dropped, was opposed by the women's campaign of the Cambridge University Students Union (CUSU) who branded it an "abhorrent disregard" for survivors of sexual violence.

Earlier last week CUSU had presented the Union Society with a 700-signature petition protesting at the decision to invite DSK, as he is often known, to speak in Cambridge.

But the Cambridge Union Society defended its decision saying he was invited for his expertise on matters of economics.

No press or photographers were allowed to attend the talk.

The teenager from Littleport will appear at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, March 20.

Five men in court accused of poaching

FIVE men have appeared in court accused of poaching in Littleport.

All denied a charge of trespassing on land at Hale Fen in pursuit of game, woodcocks, snipes or conies on November 23 last year, when they appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court last Friday.

William Bath, 26, of Pawley Close, Farnham, Surrey, Matthew Giles, 28, of Lingfield Common Road, Lingfield, Surrey, Simon Stainer, 49, of Valewood Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, Edward Watson, 37, and Mark Whitwell, 40, both of Cousins Copse, Billingshurst, West Sussex, were all unrepresented in court and will return on April 13 for a pre-trial review.

Team to focus on city centre

BY JORDAN DAY
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New group's aim would be to promote trade and tourism

A NEW group could be formed in a bid to boost Ely's city centre.

The city's mayor, John Yates, has written to East Cambridgeshire District Council with the intention of setting up a special 'city centre management team'.

Cllr Yates insists that more needs to be done to boost trade, increase tourism and to improve the appearance of certain areas of the city centre.

He and fellow city councillors believe setting up a special team dedicated to Ely's centre will help that to happen.

Cllr Yates said: "We are responsible for the people of Ely and we are aware that there are many people out there who are worried about Ely's centre.

"Numerous big name shops have closed and more and more out-of-town developments are being built.

"We feel that more needs to be done to boost the city centre. We need to not only safeguard it but also try and enhance it so that it grows and develops.

"I have written to the district council and suggested that a city centre management team is set up.

"The team would be led by the city council but we want it to involve all stakeholders.

"We want the district council, residents, traders, market traders, the cathedral, police, the highways agency and so forth to all be involved so that we can come up with a strategy to protect our city centre."

For months, the Ely Traders Association has been warning that increased out-of-town development in Ely is leaving the city centre in a "fragile" state.

They insist that if parking charges are introduced the situation will be made even worse.

Ely-based artist Ted Coney also insists more needs to be done to protect the city centre and increase tourism.

He believes the city council should make it a priority and that Ely's deputy mayor, Will Burton, should make tourism the theme for the year when he takes over as mayor in May.

Elaine is first area laureate

Digging since dawn, bent slant
Against the whistling wind, crushing
With sweet scent the water mint under my boots,
Face whipped by willow unsteady,
I cling to the iron shove-handlers, feeling like a pennant
Run up a flagpole hood rippling with gusts.

Across the field, banks hem in the horizon, sky hanging
Heavy over silver coin-puddles of squealing wigeon,
Fastidious-legged godwits above them arch the flaunting lapwing.
Through the mist, in a soft-trumpeting cloud, butter-billed Bewicks
Raise mud-plated feet amongst the winter wheat.

Fixing the post, tamping down the soil, it seems solid enough:
But no. Rising water will shoulder it back, lift gate-latch and signpost,
Screen and fence, wash at the wheels of the tractor on the bank
Where it holds empty steel arms to the purple clouds. The ditch bridge will curve
Like the coil of a breaching sea monster the bare oak tree reach gnarled fingers
Out of the flood, like the hand of an ancient invader, self-trapped in a chain mail net,
As he flounders in the burning reeds and smothering swamp.

Wise words: Elaine Ewart with her award and, overlaid, her winning poem *The Drowned Land*. CP.

A TALENTED poet from Ely has won a competition which will see her promote poetry in the Fenland area.

Elaine Ewart, of Abbots Way, has become the first ever Fenland Poet Laureate.

The contest was organised by Atelier East and the Wisbech and Fenland Museum. She won with her poem, *The Drowned Land*, which is on the theme of Fenland.

As Fenland Poet Laureate, Elaine will now spend a year promoting poetry locally and writing poems to celebrate special occasions in the area.

Karen Harvey, artistic director of Atelier East, said: "The level of entries for the competition was very high but Elaine's poem really stood out to us as judges.

"It was so descriptive. It really told a story and transported me to a different place. I think Elaine is going to do a great job as Fenland Poet Laureate and I hope she will join us in 2013 to find a worthy successor."

Elaine, who volunteers at the Welney Wildfowl and Wetland centre and sings with the Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers, is studying for a postgraduate certificate in Creative Writing.

She is keen for anyone who is organising a local event and would like her to attend and write a poem to email her at *fenlandpoetlaureate@gmail.com*

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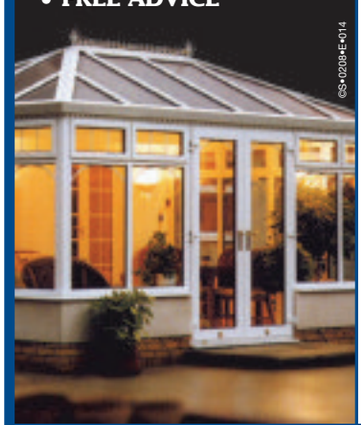

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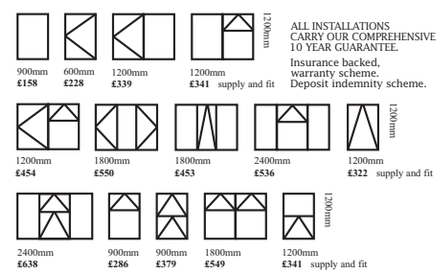

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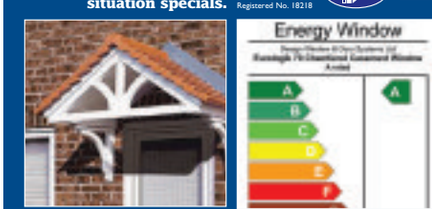

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'Worthy' charities share cash boost

CHARITIES in East Cambridgeshire which help people with disabilities, young carers and the elderly are to get a share of more than £3,000.

Four organisations have been awarded grants from the East Cambridgeshire Community Fund Grant Scheme.

Pos+Ability, a charity which provides chair-based exercises for people with long-term neurological conditions to improve balance, co-ordination and memory skills, has been awarded £1,000.

The project ensures stroke survivors get improved social contact and provides much-needed respite for carers.

Centre 33, a successful youth charity, is to get £847 to fund two respite day trips for 10 disadvantaged young carers aged 8-18.

The charity will specifically use the cash to help those carers who are socially isolated and financially deprived.

The K9 Project, which uses dogs to bring out the better side in disadvantaged young people, will receive a grant of £990.

The money will be used to provide education, training and personal development opportunities for young people by working alongside dogs.

The Mepal Friendship Club will also get £600 from the fund to provide weekly activities to help older people living in the village. The club helps to reduce rural isolation and depression.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, chairman of the community and environment sub-committee at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Over many years of being a councillor, I have had the good fortune to be involved in many projects and programmes which have helped local people.

"In all this time, I don't think there has been many worthy recipients of funding than these four projects."

For more information about the community fund grant scheme, phone (01353) 665555 or visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*.

Gill saddles up for trek to help horses

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweekly news.co.uk

A HORSE lover has raised nearly £4,000 for an animal welfare charity by taking part in a gruelling trek through India.

Gill Meningen, from Coveney, took part in the six-day trek across India's Rajasthan state to support the international charity The Brooke.

The challenge saw her covering 125km on horseback, following the trails of ancient kings across desert and past temples and forts.

Mrs Meningen, 53, has raised more than £3,700 in sponsorship, which will be used to help improve the lives of hard-working horses, donkeys and mules in some of the world's poorest communities.

The expedition also enabled her to see the charity's work first hand in a village near Delhi where she saw how treatment and community programmes are making a difference to the lives of working horses and donkeys, as well as the people who depend on them.

Mrs Meningen, who instructs at Little Downham Equestrian, said: "The ride itself was very intense and definitely a challenge, but I met some great people and I'm looking forward to telling everyone about my adventures.

"One of the highlights of the trip was having the opportunity to see The Brooke's work in action, and the chance to see what all the fundraising and hard work is for.

"Knowing I can make a difference to the lives of working horses and donkeys makes it all worthwhile."

Charlotte Hodivala, The Brooke's community fundraising manager, said: "We're delighted that Gill took part in our Indian Horse Trek, which was a unique and unforgettable journey for everyone involved.

"It was a real challenge but everyone was dedicated and the fantastic amount of money that was raised for The Brooke will help working horses and donkeys in countries such as India and Pakistan."

To find out more, visit *www.thebrooke.org/challenges*.

In the saddle: Gill Meningen on her six-day trek across India's Rajasthan state for The Brooke. CP.

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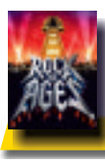

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Fish butchered in river mishap

BY JORDAN DAY

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HUNDREDS of fish have been beheaded and mutilated after getting trapped inside the grids of a pumping station.

It was barge owner Bob Middleton, also known as Battleship Bob, who spotted the dead and injured fish which he said made him feel "sick to the stomach".

Mr Middleton, who is known for his love of wildlife, particularly swans, including Cambridge's notorious male bird Mr Asbo, had his barge moored close to The Five Miles From Anywhere No Hurry Inn, in Upware, when he saw the fish.

He said: "I'm a tough guy but the sight made me feel sick to the stomach.

"There must have been around 300 of them, all beautiful fish such as bream, perch and roach. Some of them were split in half and some of them had been decapitated. They were completely mutilated.

"I love my wildlife and it was horrendous to see any creature suffering like that.

"This could be happening everyday of the week for all we know and at pumping stations all over the country.

"What happens if otters and other rare wildlife get sucked into the pumps? If a child fell in the water there they wouldn't stand a chance of surviving."

The incident happened at Upware Pumping Station, which is owned by the Drainage Board.

Andy Newton, an engineer for the board, described what happened as an "unfortunate event".

He said: "We do have wire screens up to try and prevent fish and other wildlife from getting caught up in the pumps but, unfortunately, these fish must have got past that screen.

"We believe they were resting in the pumps overnight and that when they were switched on they got trapped. It's an unfortunate event and we are taking it seriously.

"We don't believe this has ever happened here at Upware before but it is an issue for pumping stations across the country.

"We will be working with the Environment Agency to try and make sure this never happens again."

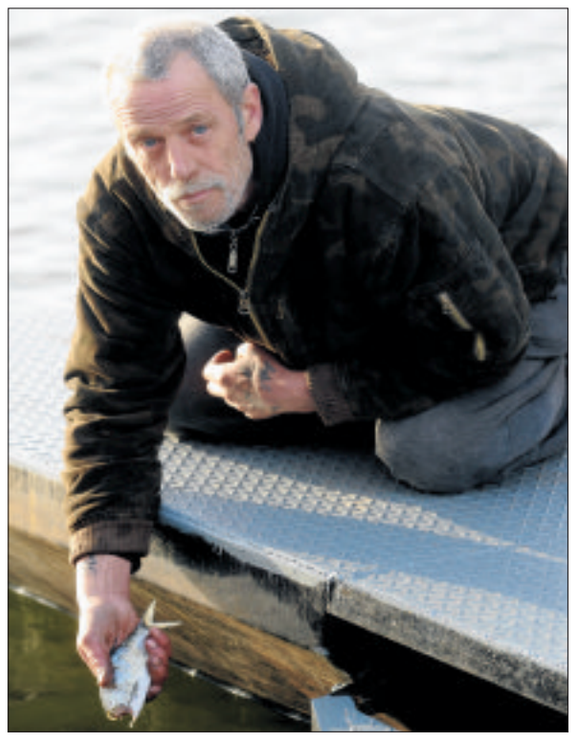
A spokeswoman for the Environment Agency said: "Our role is to offer advice and guidance to other asset owners on the measures they can take to prevent fish from being caught in machinery.

"Various behavioural screens such as flashing lights and underwater speakers can be useful deterrents to help prevent fish from entering pumps or similar structures.

"We test these methods on our own assets and pass our findings and advice to others.

"Asset owners are responsible for fitting screens to their structures and we would encourage them to consider undertaking such measures as part of their routine maintenance programme.

"Any sighting of dead fish should be reported to our incident hotline on 0800 807060."



Love of wildlife: barge owner Bob Middleton with one of the decapitated fish.

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■ A wooden cabin could be built in a back garden in Ely.
Mr D Andrews, of Douglas Court, has applied for planning permission to construct the building.

■ An office could be built at a farm in Littleport.
East Cambridgeshire District Council has received a planning application for an office to be built at Butchers Hill Farm, in Wisbech Road.

■ A kiosk could be built at sewage disposal works in Haddenham.
Bosses at Anglian Water Services Ltd have applied for planning permission to build a kiosk at the site, in Lode Way, to house control and electrical equipment.

■ Land in Little Downham could be turned to equestrian use.
Mr and Mrs Hayes, of The Hythe, have applied for planning permission to change the use of the land next to their property from paddock to equestrian/agricultural.
They want to create an exercise area and build a storage barn for hay and equipment.

To view these applications or have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk

Animal charity in plea for helpers

VOLUNTEERS are being called upon to help raise cash to treat stray animals.

The RSPCA Cambridge branch has permission to collect outside major Tesco stores in Ely, Cambridge, Newmarket, Bar Hill, Fulbourn and Milton from April 30 to May 6 and is trying to recruit 100 new collectors.

The RSPCA Cambridge animal clinic needs to secure its future and is now launching a fundraising drive outside Tesco stores to raise cash to restart some treatments.

Rowena Pilsworth, volunteer co-ordinator for Cambridgeshire, said: "We are now doing everything we can to raise enough money."

To volunteer or find out more call 07742 658086 or email *volunteering@rspca-cambridge.org.uk*.

Plans for 100 homes delayed

BY JORDAN DAY

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PLANS to build almost 100 homes on former allotment land in Soham have been postponed following concerns from residents and councillors.

East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee was expected to approve Hopkins Homes Ltd's proposals to build on land north-west of Regal Drive, off Fordham Road, when it met last Wednesday.

The plans, which were submitted in November last year, involve building 96 homes, of which 29 would be affordable housing, plus an area of open space with a play area.

But members voted to defer a decision on the plans due to there being "too many unanswered questions".

Chairman of the committee, Cllr Philip Read, who represents Sutton, was worried about the site's close proximity to an industrial area, and in particular the risk of fire.

He said: "I have concerns about how close some of these homes are to the industrial area.

"We know there is a paint depot there and a unit which stores heating fuel.

"I can't relax with this until we know for sure that these homes are not at risk of fire or an explosion. We saw how dangerous this can be only a few years ago in Littleport and we can't allow the same to happen again."

Members were also worried about roads on the development not being adopted and parking arrangements.

Cllr Mike Rouse, who represents Ely North, said: "We can see in the plans that the houses will have car ports but I know what will end up happening.

"People will park their cars on the road outside their home, half on the road and half on the pavement. There are too many things worrying me at this stage and there are too many unanswered questions."

The committee heard how the council had received five letters of objection from residents, who were worried about the increase in traffic in Fordham Road and the impact the development would have on their own homes and privacy.

Cllr Bill Hunt, whose ward is Stretham, proposed to defer a decision on the plans for further discussions to take place.

The proposal was voted on unanimously by the committee.

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Tracy, 47, is landlady of The White Horse Inn in Witcham.

When are you happiest? I'm happiest when I'm achieving what I've set out to do, and if I can make people forget their problems and smile for a while all the better.
How do you relax? What's that? Reading, dancing, talking, listening... though moments with my grandson would have to be my greatest chill-out... spending time with friends and family, the ones who inspire, encourage and support me... or to walk on a deserted beach with the wind in my hair.
Pet hates:
Bad language, rudeness, bullying, peer pressure, brewery prices, taxes.
Guilty pleasure: If it's a pleasure why feel guilty?
Favourite book/movie: I've just finished the trilogy by Kristie Cook *Promise*, *Purpose* and *Devotion*... absolutely spellbinding.
Movie would have to be *The Green Mile*.

Favourite holiday destination:
Recent memories of last year's White Horse tour to Egypt has to put it tops; 17 people out of a hat could have been a nightmare but instead was an eye-opener to the strengths within our community.
Your hero:
My dad (RIP), a man who said what he meant and meant what he said.
Four people you'd invite to dinner:
Phil Tufnell, Stephen Fry, Mrs Brown, Gok Wan would keep all my senses satisfied.
What would your super-power be:
To protect the vulnerable, sick and needy.
What three possessions would you take with you to a desert island:
My Kindle, my toothbrush and sun protection.
If you ruled the country for a day what would you do:
I would ask for the rich and famous to pledge some of their wealth and time to the unfortunates of this country and in doing so make them realise the extent of poverty under their noses.
What do you love most about living in Witcham:
Witcham has a great sense of community spirit that envelopes visitors and inhabitants alike. I'm lucky enough to live in the centre of it all at the village pub.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Black Horse Drove

BARGAINS ON TABLE: Grab a bargain at Black Horse Drove Community Centre on Saturday.
A table-top sale is being held from 10am-1pm selling everything from children's toys to clothes and books. Tables are £5 each.
Phone (01353) 862032 to reserve a table.

Ely

WATER LIFE: 'British amphibians' will be the subject of a talk in Ely tomorrow.
Terry Moore is hosting the Ely Wildlife Trust group's illustrated talk at Ely Museum at 7.45pm.
Entry is £2.50 for non-members.
Call Will Burdett on (01353) 661339 for more information.
QUIZ DATE: A quiz night is being held at The Cutter Inn in Ely to raise money for the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund.
The event takes place on Sunday at 8pm.
All funds raised will go directly to the fund, which is raising cash for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.
For more information, call the pub on (01353) 662713.
TIME TO SING: Celebrate Mother's Day at Ely Cathedral.
A Mothering Sunday Sung Eucharist is being held at 10.30am.
ROCK ON: Hit band Fen Boy 3 will be performing at The Royal Standard pub in Ely tomorrow.
The gig kicks off at 9pm and will feature a variety of blues, swamp rock and rock 'n' roll. Admission is free.
Visit *www.fenboy3.co.uk* for more information.
LOOKING BACK: David Edwards will be guest speaker at the next Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely.
He will be talking about 'The Rectors of Doddington' at Ely Library tomorrow.
As always, the talk will run from 10.30am-noon and entry will be £2.50 on the door for non-members.
Call Mike Petty on (01353) 648106 for more information.
RBL DATE: The Ely branch of the Royal British Legion is holding its next quarterly meeting on Monday, March 19.
It will be held at The Fountain pub in Silver Street at 7.30pm.
New members are welcome to attend.
The club's parade marshal has had to retire and anyone interested in taking over the role should attend the meeting.
GIVE ME A MINNIS: 'Autopia' is the title of the Ely and District Archaeological Society's next talk.
John Minnis, a senior architectural investigator, will be hosting the talk at the Methodist Church in Chapel Street, Ely, on Monday, March 19.
It starts at 8pm and all are welcome. Entry is £2.50 for non-members and free for members.

King's team can really talk the talk

KING'S School Ely students proved their skills as persuasive debaters.

Sixth formers Oliver Hill and Mikhail Polovinkin scooped 'best delegate' awards at a Model United Nations event hosted by Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge.

Teams of eight from each of the participating schools were given countries to represent and were divided into three committees to discuss and attempt to find resolutions to a number of issues including disarmament, Iran's nuclear programme, human rights, the use of child soldiers in third world countries, and the legality of the Gaza blockade.

King's Ely government and politics teacher Sharon Jackson said: "The students entered into the spirit of the event with gusto, demonstrating intelligence and high-level critical thinking skills.

"The highlight of the day was when Oliver and Mikhail received the accolade of 'best delegate' securing two out of the three available awards."

Team: King's School debaters, back, from left, Marina McGovern, Florence Wynn, Christiane Lewien, Lee Wei Wong, Johanna Going and Henrike Berg. Front, Oliver Hill and Mikhail Polovinkin.

Haddenham

SPRING FORCE: Volunteers will be out in force preparing the old burial ground in Haddenham for spring.
The Haddenham Conservation Society is holding a working party on Sunday from 2pm.
Members will be planting, putting up bird boxes and generally tidying the area – and extra hands are welcome.
For more information, call Mike or Gill on (01353) 740662.

Little Downham

SALE TIME: A village pre-school is holding a nearly-new sale on Saturday.
Busy Fingers Pre-school in Little Downham is running the event at the village hall from 10am-noon.
A variety of clothes, toys and items will be on sale, while there will be refreshments and raffles.
Entry is 50p and tables, which are still available, are £5 each.
To book a table, call Mandy on (01353) 698249.

Littleport

GRAB A CUP: A coffee morning is being held at St George's Church, Littleport, on Saturday from 9.30am-noon.
POKER FACE: A Texa Hold'em poker tournament is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre tomorrow.
On Saturday (March 17) there will also be a race night, followed by an indoor Whippet dog show on Sunday.
For information about either event, call the centre on (01353) 860600.

Sutton

EEL BE THERE: Peter Carter – the region's last remaining traditional eel-catcher – will be giving a talk in Sutton tonight.
The talk, organised by the Sutton Conservation Society, will be held at The Pavilion at 8pm.
Mr Carter will talk about how his family has been involved in eel-catching for about 500 years, and also about traditional traders such as willow weaving and wildfowling.

Witchford

JIVE TIME: Jive the afternoon away in Witchford on Sunday.
Stuart Burr will be hosting his regular tea dance at the village hall, in Bedwell Heys Lane, from 2pm-5pm.
Admission is £3 each, which includes refreshments.

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People in the picture

Another brick in the wall: Soham Village College students with their mural. CP.

Mural's a real splash of colour

CREATIVE students have added a splash of colour to their school's art block.

The block at Soham Village College now boasts a large colourful outdoor mural.

The masterpiece was made during a two-day art and design event at the college, which saw students using their talents in painting, photography and printmaking.

The mural is inspired by the school and its surroundings.

Teacher Wendy Bucktrout said: "The artwork is now being displayed for students, staff and visitors to the school to see and displays the exceptional talent of our students."

Students have a share of money skills

Cup winners: Tony Winchester presenting Joe Minar and Tom Walker with their cheque.

TWO switched-on students from Ely College have achieved success in a national share-buying competition.

Joe Minar and Tom Walker, who are both GCSE economics students, invested a virtual £100,000 in their portfolio and through some shrewd trading turned in a profit of more than £10,500.

The savvy pupils were taking part in the IFS Student Investor Challenge and finished 232nd out of the 7,334 teams. They also beat their economics teacher, Mark Sirot-Smith, by two places.

The Rotary Club of Littleport offered a £50 prize to the most successful team from the college. Presenting the cheque to the winning pair, Tony Winchester, the club's vocational officer, said: "I am impressed to hear that they had done their research when purchasing their shares and monitored the market carefully."

Chidren meet their own local superheroes

POLICE and firefighters attended Sutton Primary School – but only to entertain the children.

Pupils in the school's Foundation Stage have been learning all about superheroes and a visit from Ely's firemen and sergeant Ian Brown helped to learn all about their local emergency services.

The children were able to explore a fire engine, dress up as a firefighter and learn the basics of fire safety.

They also got the chance to sit in a police car, wear police hats and learn that there is more to a police officer's job than catching 'baddies'.

Hose that: Sutton Primary pupils learn some firefighting basics. CP.

A school spokeswoman said: "The children now feel much more confident that their local uniformed officers are safe and approachable."

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Cars collide in low-speed crash

TWO cars collided on the A10 last Wednesday.
The crash happened at the junction with Broad Baulk, just north of Stretham.
A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police described the accident as a "low-speed, non-injury collision", which happened at 4.12pm.

Author set to visit Olive Tree

AUTHOR Mary Nichols will be in Ely talking about her latest novel on March 21.
Mary's dramas, set against historical events, have always been popular and her latest book, *The Girl on the Beach*, is a novel of love and loss in the wake of the Second World War.
Her talk at The Olive Tree will start at 7pm. Tickets are £6 and available by calling Topping & Company Booksellers on (01353) 645005.

Floral skills to go on show

WELL Heeled is the title of the Littleport Flower Arrangement Club's next demonstration.
Adele Kent will host the event at the village hall, in Victoria Street, on Friday.
The demonstration will start at 7.30pm, and there will be a well-stocked sales table with plenty of Easter goodies.
For more information, call Pam Hayes on (01353) 860102.

Court moves to curb young tormentors

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

THREE men who carried out a campaign of harassment against a family have been made the subject of strict court orders.

Danny Jo Nunn, 20, Jordan Coleby, 18, and Aaron Waite, 18, made the lives of a family in Littleport a misery during a short period between August and September last year.

On their own, or as part of a group, the trio abused and threatened the family and their friends.

Coleby, along with another teenager who cannot be named for legal reasons, also targeted the village's Co-op, McColls and the BP garage – shoplifting and abusing staff.

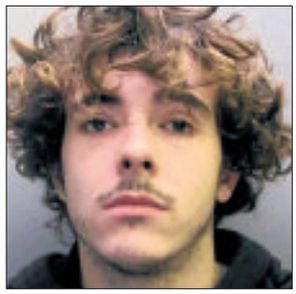
Police charged the trio with a number of crimes relating to the harassment and applied for anti-social behaviour orders against them.

Cambridge magistrates have now made Nunn, of Cornfield Lane, Littleport, and Coleby, of Lawns Crescent, Little Downham, subject to two-year asbos.

The orders ban them from contacting the victims or entering their property or garden.

They were also banned from engaging in any anti-social behaviour in Littleport with each other and two other teenagers.

Coleby was also made the subject of a 15-month community order with supervision.



Asbos: Jordan Coleby, left, and Danny Jo Nunn, right, ganged up to make a Littleport family's lives a misery.

Nunn was given an 18-month community order with supervision and ordered to pay £100 compensation.

Both will face a possible custodial sentence if they breach the orders.

Waite, of Wellington Street, Littleport, was made subject of a two-year restraining order prohibiting him from contacting the victims and their friends or entering their property. He was also given a 12-month community order with supervision.

All three were each also ordered to pay £70 costs.

Brian Tully, anti-social behaviour co-ordinator for East Cambridgeshire, said: "Normal law-abiding citizens should neither be subject to such trauma, nor see this sort of extreme anti-social behaviour in their community.

"The key objective was to provide respite and protection to the victim family, which was achieved initially by police and court bail conditions, and is now reinforced for a period of two years.

"Coleby and another teenager stole from Littleport shops – targeting the Co-op, McColls, and the BP garage. As well as committing theft, they were abusive to shop staff.

"These again are serious matter, shoplifting is a crime against society, because we all pay for it through increased prices, and the staff who serve us should not be exposed to the unpleasantness and risk of dealing with thieves."

Residents should report any breaches of the orders by dialling 101.

Tourism surge hits a new high

ELY Cathedral and Wicken Fen have helped attract a record 2.25 million visitors to Cambridgeshire.

Thirteen local attractions have banded together in a consortium to market themselves to tourists, and they achieved the enormous total between them in 2011.

The Great Days Out Around Cambridge consortium includes the Botanic Garden, the Folk Museum, Kettle's Yard and the Fitzwilliam Museum, all in Cambridge.

Other members are Wicken Fen, Ely Cathedral, Audley End, Anglesey Abbey, Wimpole Hall, as well as the Imperial War Museum Duxford, Shepreth Wildlife Park, the Newmarket Experience – which tells the story of horseracing – and the Henry Moore Foundation at Perry Green in Hertfordshire.

Sarah Matthews, from the Stained Glass Museum at Ely Cathedral, where visitor numbers also rose, said: "We're hoping the increase in visiting attractions closer to home will continue in 2012."

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Fun for budding boffins

CALLING all budding boffins! Cambridge University's fabulous Science Festival is under way, with a whole host of talks, exhibitions and hands-on activities to get little Einsteins on the road to discovery.

There are dozens of kid-friendly events on offer at this annual event, nearly all of them are free and only need to be pre-booked where stated. Here's our pick of the crop.

THE APPLIANCE OF SCIENCE: The festival features exciting explosions, fascinating discoveries and all-round fun

>> Crisp Packet Fireworks

The Naked Scientists (who, we hope, will at least be wearing lab coats) take us on a whistle-stop tour of the world of waves, gases and chemistry as they detonate bombs, turn air into a liquid, reveal the secrets of sun cream, use chemicals to produce bright lights, launch hydrogen-powered rockets and even electrocute vegetables.

Saturday, March 17, Babbage Lecture Theatre, 2.30pm, all ages, free, pre-booking essential.

>> Science Junkie: extreme sports battle

A must for anyone too cool for skool: Science Junkies Greg Foot and Huw James will be pitting one of the best trials riders (those blokes who do bike tricks) against one of the UK's top free-runners (those blokes who jump across buildings) by erecting a 12ft high urban playground for them to flip, spin and trick over. Just how does a bike seemingly defy gravity? And how do free-runners jump so far with such accuracy? Get top tips to nail the basics (you may want to cover your children's ears at this point) and uncover the science behind these awesome stunts.

Saturday, March 17, Parker's Piece, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm, all ages, free.

>> Ever wanted to DJ?

Space plasma physicist and Kiss FM DJ Martin Archer takes us on a journey into sound with his virtual DJ booth, exploring waves, frequency and other principles. While spinning the latest tunes, he'll explain the science behind the cueing, beat-matching, blending and EQing (sorry, no idea) that goes into his club mixes and, as if that wasn't enough, he'll be making a speaker out of a styrofoam bowl and turning sound into fire. Wowsers!

Saturday, March 17, Arts School Room A, noon, ages 14+, free, pre-booking essential.

>> Biology Zone at the Arts School

Want to know more about how your body works? Then head for the Biology Zone, which features hands-on activities on topics ranging from how your blood vessels work and what makes your heart tick to some fabulous facts about fat. You can even have a go at dissecting owl pellets, help make a giant origami DNA strand, take part in a pipetting challenge or even conduct heart-rate experiments on water fleas.

Saturday, March 17, Arts School, 10am-4pm, all ages, free.

>> Crash, Bang, Squelch!

Enthusiastic students from the CHaOS Science Roadshow will be helping everyone to get to grips with exciting, fascinating and just plain weird experiments that go 'crash', 'bang', and, indeed, 'squelch'. There'll be talks too (for ages 8+) ranging from *Gases: just a load of hot air?* to *What happens if you cut off a blood supply?* Yikes! Visit *www.chaosscience.org.uk* to learn more about all this loud, messy fun.

Saturday, March 17, Department of Zoology, 9.45am-5pm, all ages, free.

>> Time Truck

Travel in time with the Time Truck to investigate rocks and minerals, discover dinosaurs and explore earthquake science with hands-on activities and demonstrations all day.

Saturday, March 17, Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences,10.30am to 3.30pm, all ages, free.

>> The Science of Archaeology

How can you tell if a skeleton is a man or a woman? What did Neanderthals have for dinner? There's a lot you can learn from archaeology, so pop along to discover the secrets revealed by pots, plants, soil, bones and even fossilised poo!

Saturday, March 17, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, 10.30am-4pm, all ages, free.

>> Physiology: Shocking, Exciting, Stimulating!

This breathtaking series of live experiments uses hammers, electric shocks, vibrations and spinning chairs to examine some of the fundamental properties of the brain and body. Prepare to be amazed . . .

Saturday, March 17, Physiological Laboratory, 2-3pm, ages 10+, free.

>> Anglia Ruskin University at the Guildhall

Once again, ARU are taking over the Guildhall to host plenty of hands-on activities for small scientists. You can handle colossal creepy crawlies (like the giant African land snail and the Madagascan hissing cockroach), learn all about crime scene science (and get your hands dirty trying forensic techniques), and play with the latest computerised equipment to take a journey deep inside the ear and the eye, to name but three . . .

Saturday, March 17, The Guildhall, 10am-4pm, all ages, free.

>> Spinning Makes the World Go Round!

What makes yo-yos go up and down, spinning tops whizz around, and water vortex in a plug hole? And, more to the point, what do these have to do with MRI scans, black holes and satellites? Find out for yourself, courtesy of STEM Team East and lots of hands-on activities.

Saturday, March 17, 9.30am- 3.45pm, St Columba's Church Hall, ages 5+, free, pre-booking essential.

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Renowned band set for Brook date

HIT Irish band, the Fureys & Davey Arthur, are performing in Soham this month.

The four-piece, renowned for songs including T*he Green Fields of France* and *Steal Away,* will be at The Brook on Thursday, March 22.

The band was formed in 1978, and very much by accident.

George, Paul and Davey were playing in Denmark with their own band called the Buskers and Eddie and Finbar, while touring in Germany were involved in a road accident.

When George, Paul and Davey got news of the accident they immediately travelled to Germany to be with their brothers.

They then decided that they should all be playing together and that was the start of the Fureys & Davey Arthur.

Many changes have occurred over 34 years, however.

Their brother, Paul, died suddenly in June 2002 and Finbar left the band in December 1996. However, George, Eddie and Davey Arthur have continued on their tours and have been releasing a new CD every year. Their folk-based music has received standing ovations in some of the biggest concert halls in the world and they credit their musical ability to their parents, Ted and Nora, who were well known musicians.

They encouraged their sons to play music from a very early age and there was live traditional music in their house almost nightly.

Tickets for their concert, which starts at 7.30pm, are £17.50.

Call (01353) 721748 for tickets or visit *www.thefureys.com* for more information.

We're Macc and better than ever

The Maccabees, who play Cambridge Corn Exchange on Monday, March 19, look to be stepping up a league with their third album. Frontman Orlando Weeks tells **The Guide** how ***Given To The Wild*** turned out to be the record they'd been longing to make

IT'S a bit early to start crowing about the best album of 2012.

But barely a week into the year, The Maccabees unveiled an album that will almost certainly dominate end-of-year polls in 11 months' time.

It's almost five years since the London five-piece released their debut album *Colour It In* – a spiky, angular set of songs, heavily influenced by the likes of XTC, Magazine and early Blur.

It was charming in its naivety and perfectly enjoyable, but while many bands sound at their most exciting on their debut, The Maccabees seemed as if they were being held back.

The follow-up *Wall Of Arms* arrived two years later and delivered on so much of that early promise. It was produced by Markus Dravs, who had previously worked with Bjork, Coldplay and Arcade Fire, and was a real step 'up.

"With the new one, it definitely feels like we've achieved some of the things *Wall Of Arms* was pointing at. It's to do with being more articulate," says frontman Orlando Weeks.

"And we're so much more confident now, we can get closer to the thing that we envisage.

"When we started, we'd say things like 'We want it to sound watery, but with a bit more punch to it', to a producer. Now, instead of saying that, we can ask for certain reverbs or delays, or accurately describe a mood. We've got our heads around production, basically, and have the confidence to finally sound how we want to."

Given To The Wild was partly recorded in the band's own studio, and partly at Rockfield, in Monmouth, the legendary venue where the likes of Oasis, Manic Street Preachers, The Stone Roses and Paul Weller made some of the 90s' best albums, and also where Queen recorded *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

"It's not nearly as intimidating as I thought it would be," says Weeks. "But it's a very special place, incredible.

"The reverb chambers are amazing, some of the gear there was essential to this record. We didn't want to go to a new sterile studio, and Rockfield isn't like that at all. It's a residential place, so naturally very homely and welcoming."

The new album took its time, with some recordings dating back two years. And Weeks admits that for a long time it was a work in progress.

"We all knew how we wanted the album to sound, but it meant after that realisation that the real job of making the record was piecing all these things together, and stealing bits from the demos that we couldn't better.

"The trick is obviously not making it sound patchwork, even though it is."

It's a trick they seem to have mastered - one of *Given To The Wild*'s biggest strengths is its cohesion as an album.

Ahead of the tour, Weeks said: "Some of the songs on *Given To The Wild* we haven't worked out how to play yet. We didn't want to concern ourselves with that when we were recording them."

They're sure to have ironed out those issues come Monday night.

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Coming soon

● CHILDREN'S classic ***The Tiger Who Came To Tea*** is heading to Cambridge this summer.

Judith Kerr's much-loved picture book has been adapted for the stage with songs and lyrics by the ever-reliable **David Wood**.

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripey tiger!

For the first time, this much-loved tale of a tiger creating tea time mayhem is brought vividly to life on stage in a show packed with oodles of magic, sing-along songs and clumsy chaos.

David Wood is undisputedly the country's leading writer and director of plays and musicals for children. His many successes include *Fantastic Mr Fox, The Gingerbread Man, BFG, The Witches, Meg and Mog, Spot* and *Babe the Sheep Pig*.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea is at the Cambridge Corn Exchange on Friday, June 29 at 11.30am and 2.30pm, and Saturday, June 30 at 11am. Tickets are £10.

● **Broken Britain may be staring into an empty pint glass, but don't lose hope** – Al Murray The Pub Landlord **is back to fill it up again, with an epic new show.**

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● Grammy Award-winning duo **The Civil Wars** have announced a Cambridge date this autumn.

John Paul White met **Joy Williams** at a Nashville songwriting session in 2008, and their debut album, *Barton Hollow*, was released to huge acclaim last year.

The duo won Best Folk Album and Best Country Duo / Group Performance at this year's Grammy Awards, where they also performed live.

They'll be at the Corn Exchange on Sunday, November 4. Tickets are £17.

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Big Miracle (PG): Sat-Sun 10am
Puss In Boots 3D (U): Sat-Sun 10.20am
21 Jump Street (15): Fri-Thu 11.20am, 1.50, 4.30, 7.10, 9.40
Contraband (15): Fri 10.55am, 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40, 11.10; Sat 10.40am, 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40, 11.10; Sun 10.40am, 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40; Mon-Thu 10.55am, 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40
The Devil Inside (15): Fri 11.10am, 1.10, 3.10, 5.05, 7, 9.10; Sat-Sun 12.30, 2.40, 4.45, 7, 9.10; Mon-Wed 11.10am, 1.10, 3.10, 5.05, 7, 9.10; Thu 11.10am, 1.10, 3.10, 5.05, 7, 9.50
We Bought A Zoo (PG): Fri-Thu 11.45am, 2.30 (subtitles Sun), 5.20, 8.10 (subtitles Tues)
The Hunger Games (12a): Thu 7.45, 8.15
John Carter 3D (12a): Fri 11.40am, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30, 11.30; Sat-Sun 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30; Mon-Thu 11.40am, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30
This Means War (12a): Fri-Sat 6.40, 9, 11.30; Sun-Thu 6.40, 9
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12a): Fri-Thu 11.30am, 2.20, 5.10, 8
The Woman In Black (12a): Fri 11.25am, 1.40, 4.05, 6.20, 8.50; Sat-Sun 9.20am, 11.25am, 1.40, 4.05, 6.20, 8.50; mon-Wed 11.25am, 1.40, 4.05, 6.20, 8.50; thu 11.25am, 1.40, 4.05, 6.20
The Muppets (U): Fri 10.50am, 1.20, 4; Sat-Sun 10.40am, 1.20, 4; Mon-Thu 10.50am, 1.20, 4
The Raven (15): Fri-Sat 11.15
The Descendants (15): Fri-Sat 10.50
Safe House (15): Fri-Sat 10.55
Alvin And The Chipmunks - Chipwrecked (U): Sat-Sun 9.40am
Subtitled performances:
We Bought A Zoo (PG): Sun 2.30; Tues 8.10

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The Hunger Games (12A TBC): Thu (7.45, 8.30, 9.15
The Devil Inside (15): Fri-Sat 1.05, 3, 5.15, 7.20, 9.30; Sun 10.50am, 1.05, 3, 5.15, 7.20, 9.30; Mon-Wed 1.05, 3, 5.15, 7.20, 9.30; Thu 1.05, 3, 5.15, 7.20, 9.15
Contraband (15): Fri-Sat 1, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20; Sun 10.30am, 1, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20 ; Mon-wed 1, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20 ; Thu 1, 5.50, 8.40
21 Jump Street (15): Fri 1.15, 3.50, 6.35, 9.10; Sat-Sun 10.40am, 1.15, 3.50, 6.35, 9.10; Mon-Thu 1.15, 3.50, 6.35, 9.10
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John Carter [3D] (12A): Fri-Thu 2.40, 8.30
John Carter (12A): Fri 5.30; Sat-Sun 11.45am, 5.30; Mon-Thu 5.30 (subtitles Thu)
This Means War (12A): Fri 1.30, 6.20; Sat-Sun 6.20 (subtitles Sun); Mon-Wed 1.30, 6.20; Thu 6.20
Safe House (15): Fri-Wed 3.45, 8.35; Thu 3.45
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12A): Fri-Sat 2.15, 5.10, 8; Sun 11.30am, 2.15, 5.10, 8; Mon-wed 2.15, 5.10, 8; Thu 2.15, 5.10 (subtitles Thu)
The Muppets (U) - includes short PIXAR animated film TOY STORY TOONS: SMALL FRY: Sat-Sun 10.45am, 11.20am, 1.20, 1.55
The Woman In Black (12A): Fri 2.10, 4.30, 6.45, 9; Sat-Sun 4.30, 6.45, 9; Mon-Wed 2.10, 4.30, 6.45, 9; thu 2.10, 4.30, 6.45
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Kac Wawa - Wawa Hangover [3D] (15): Fri 1.50, 4.10, 6.30, 8.50; Sat-Sun 11.30am, 1.50, 4.10, 6.30, 8.50; Mon-Thu 1.50, 4.10, 6.30, 8.50
movies for juniors
The Adventures Of Tintin : The Secret Of The Unicorn (PG): Sat 10am
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG): Sat 10.10am
Happy Feet Two (U): Sat 10.05am

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Romeo And Juliet (12A Live) - in association with Opus Arte LIVE ballet performance from The Royal Opera House: Thu 7.15
The Hunger Games (12A TBC): Thu 7.30, 8.15, 9
The Devil Inside (15) : Fri 2, 4.10, 6.20, 7.20, 8.30, 9.30; Sat-Sun 11.50am, 2, 4.10, 6.20, 7.20, 8.30, 9.30; Mon-wed 2, 4.10, 6.20, 7.20, 8.30, 9.30; Thu 2, 4.10, 6.20, 7.20, 9.30
Contraband (15): Fri 3.20, 6, 8.40; Sat-Sun 12.40, 3.20, 6, 8.40; Mon-Wed 3.20, 6, 8.40; Thu 3.20, 6.30, 9.05
21 Jump Street (15): Fri 3.50, 6.30, 9.10; Sat-Sun 10.45am, 1.20, 3.50, 6.30, 9.10; Mon-Thu 3.50, 6.30, 9.10
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John Carter (12A): Fri 4.30; Sat-Sun 10.30am, 1.30 (subtitles Sun), 4.30; Mon-Thu 4.30 (subtitles Thu)
This Means War (12A): Fri-Wed 3.40, 6.10 (subtitles Sun), 8.50; Thu 3.40, 6.10 Project X (18): Fri-Wed 6.35
Safe House (15): Fri-Wed 9.20
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12a): Fri 2, 5, 8; Sat-Sun 11am, 2 (subtitles Sun), 5, 8; Mon-Wed 2, 5 (subtitles Mon), 8; Thu 2, 5
The Muppets (U) - includes short PIXAR animated film TOY STORY TOONS: SMALL FRY: Fri 1.55, 4.15; Sat 10.40am, 1.15, 1.55, 4.15; Sun 10.40am, 11.30am, 1.15, 1.55, 4.15; Mon-Thu 1.55, 4.15
The Woman In Black (12A): Fri-Thu 2.15, 4.30, 6.45, 9
Journey 2 : The Mysterious Island (PG) Sat-Sun 12noon
movies for juniors

The big film

WE BOUGHT A ZOO
certificate PG, 2h 03m

THIS shamelessly sentimental tale of a father's struggle to revitalise an ailing animal sanctuary in the aftermath of his wife's death is based on the true story of British newspaper columnist Benjamin Mee, who took charge of Dartmoor Zoological Park in 2007.

Screenwriters Cameron Crowe and Aline Brosh McKenna transplant the action from picturesque south Devon to the fictitious Rosemoor Wildlife Park in California, where mourning, guilt and father-son bonding play out against the backdrop of an inspection of the zoo facilities that will either shut down the attraction or guarantee its survival.

Benjamin Mee (Matt Damon) is trying to be strong for his teenage son Dylan (Colin Ford) and precocious young daughter Rosie (Maggie Elizabeth Jones) following the death of his wife, Katharine (Stephanie Szostak).

He moves his family into a ramshackle house that comes with a fully functioning zoo, complete with animals and ballsy headkeeper Kelly Foster (Scarlett Johansson).

Benjamin sinks all of his money into the zoo, hoping to restore the facility to its former glory in time for an inspection by the notoriously pernickety Walter Ferris (John Michael Higgins).

Despite attempt by his accountant brother Duncan (Thomas Haden Church) to dissuade him, Benjamin refuses to listen and persuades alcohol-swigging handyman MacCready (Angus Macfadyen), animal handler Robin (Patrick Fugit) and Kelly's teenage cousin Lily (Elle Fanning) to buy into his impossible dream.

We Bought A Zoo is Crowe at his most mawkish and cliched. Children stare mournfully into the camera, parents salve wounds with trite platitudes, a father stumbles upon a cash windfall in the nick of time and an ageing tiger prepares to make a final journey to the great jungle in the sky.

The film's trump card is Damon, who delivers a moving and honest performance as the family man haunted by memories of the past.

He shares pleasing screen chemistry with youngsters Ford and Jones while Church provides the comic relief.

While it might ultimately falter as a compelling drama, *We Bought A Zoo* may well boost visitor numbers to Dartmoor Zoological Park, which is still on a financial knife-edge. And that would be a genuine Hollywood fairytale.

THE GUIDE | PUZZLES

Sudoku

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Last week's solution

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Last week's solution

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Crossword

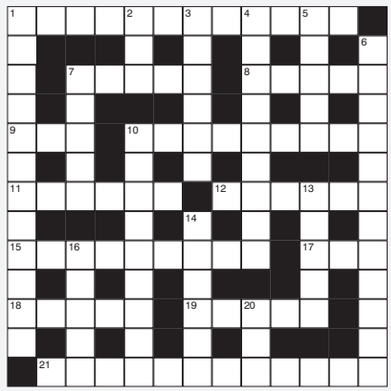
Cryptic clues

Across

1. Ordinary soldier is incorrect – it's a personal injury (7,5)
7. Without a hug, procure an edible plant (5)
8. Polite when not military (5)
9. I shall take this badly (3)
10. Money will revive in the middle (9)
11. Good head finds the way into the aristocracy (6)
12. Precious stone held by one pair of twins (6)
15. Fumble-fisted without fingers (3,6)
17. Tree remains after fire (3)
18. Conceal surplus beyond 100 (5)
19. Fortunate woman taken round the King's Head (5)
21. Fancy red file is about non-hostile appearance (8,4)

Down

1. Getting through exam – imagine! – is a whim (7,5)
2. A long time in management (3)
3. A transgression used in for example relieving the pressure (6)
4. Instruments for keeping accounts? (9)
5. New fiction (5)
6. Take a big risk in vehemently emotional drama (4,4,4)
7. He has a pound in small change (5)
10. Short race for animal suitable for heavy work (9)
13. Country laity in revolution (5)
14. Confused Mabel went to open door at an easy pace (6)
16. Half 18 for swain? (5)
20. Shy from having nothing between crazy extremes (3)



Quick clues

Across

1. Confinement (12)
7. Coffer (5)
8. Pulsate (5)
9. Strive (3)
10. Teetotal (9)
11. Iterate (6)
12. Comfort (6)
15. Dominance (9)
17. Mineral (3)
18. Avoid (5)
19. Acted out (5)
21. Bias (3-9)

Down

1. Poor (12)
2. Anger (3)
3. Dull (6)
4. Marriage (9)
5. Tend (5)
6. Noisy (12)
7. Crawl (5)
10. Consciousness (9)
13. Audibly (5)
14. Heated (6)
16. Ordinary (5)
20. Central (3)

Last week's solution – Cryptic clues across: 4 Special; 8 Runway; 9 Permits; 10 Cavity; 11 Struck; 12 Dark-room; 18 Pinafore; 20 Bolero; 21 Abrade; 22 Brassie; 23 Assist; 24 Feinted. **Down:** 1 Brocade; 2 Knavery; 3 Castor; 5 Pressman; 6 Camera; 7 Antics; 13 Opposite; 14 Horatio; 15 Deserts; 16 Source; 17 Nelson; 19 Ambush. **Quick clues across:** 4 Adjudge; 8 Notice; 9 Scuttle; 10 Pedlar; 11 Padded; 12 Churlish; 18 Derisive; 20 Hoodoo; 21 Effort; 22 Problem; 23 Endear; 24 Cruelty. **Down:** 1 Inspect; 2 Stadium; 3 Scrawl; 5 Decipher; 6 Untidy; 7 Gullet; 13 Indolent; 14 Disobey; 15 Feature; 16 Horror; 17 Edible; 19 Infant.

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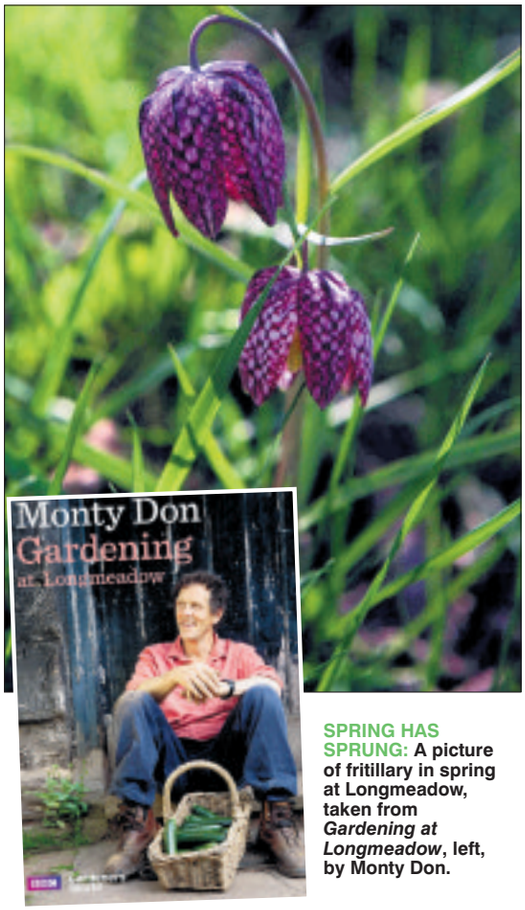
It's the full Monty in Don's garden



SPRING HAS SPRUNG: A picture of fritillary in spring at Longmeadow, taken from *Gardening at Longmeadow*, left, by Monty Don.

by Hannah Stephenson

SPRING is one of Monty Don's favourite times of the year, when primroses, daffodils, fritillaries and tulips emerge in his beautiful garden at Longmeadow.

It's a sight he won't enjoy alone, as two million viewers who tune into *Gardeners' World* every week will be invited to share the many glories of his two-acre garden, which is divided into 19 sections and last year became the new base of the hit gardening programme.

For nine months of the year, from February to November, TV crews film in his garden in the Herefordshire Marches, eight miles from the Welsh border.

The nurtured space will be revealed in the new series of *Gardeners' World*, which started last week on BBC Two, and is accompanied by a tie-in book, *Gardening At Longmeadow*.

Don, the programme's main presenter, admits that opening up his own two-acre private garden to the cameras hasn't come without its drawbacks, but the pros far outweigh the cons.

"The good thing is I have no journey, the downside is that I live above the shop. I never turn off from it."

The film crew aren't allowed in the house, the TV equipment is stored in an outhouse when not in use. Don may have allowed the cameras in, but he's in charge of the garden. For the last five years, he and his wife Sarah have had no help at all, until the BBC insisted on it. Don now has two full-time gardeners to assist.

"The slight downside of that means I do less gardening because there's less to do. It's a bit like having a chef in the kitchen asking if I'd like a poached egg, when I could quite easily poach one myself."

But he remains the master of his own domain. "Nobody tells me what to do in my own garden. People are genuinely helping me rather than doing it themselves and then telling me about it."

Filming takes place one or two days in the week, depending on what's happening in the garden, although sometimes filming has taken three or even four days a week. And Don has had to compromise in some measure as to how he wants his garden to be, for the sake of the programme.

It's a complicated, large, full garden – no big lawns, no empty spaces, even the orchard has 39 apple trees.

"We've had to widen quite a lot of paths which are perfectly good for wheeling a wheelbarrow down. But by the time you get a camera crew with a tripod and a sound recordist with size 12 feet and a director with a monitor, you can have six people behind the camera or more, and then tracks and a jib. The original paths can't accommodate all that.

"We've had to widen a number of paths and we still are. Where we've had grass paths, we've had to put hard paths. As with any public place, the equation has had to change with volume."

At any one time, 90 per cent of the garden needs to look good, which can be difficult to achieve, he reflects, "but I do try to show the camera where things go wrong and show the human side of it, rather than making it a show garden, because it's not a show garden."

This year, Don will be creating a pond in the Damp Garden and is looking forward to seeing the fruits of last year's labours with great swathes of colour in the Jewel Garden and elsewhere.

"The key thing is the rhythm and cycle of the year of gardening. It's not like a house which you refurbish and decorate and it's done. The garden's never done, it's always changing and adapting."

■ *Gardening At Longmeadow*, by Monty Don, is published by BBC Books today, priced £25.

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. Includes highlights from Celebrity MasterChef.
11.30 Football Focus. A look ahead to the weekend's matches, including the sixth round of the FA Cup and the Scottish League Cup final.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.10 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v Scotland (Kick-off 12.30pm).
2.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Wales v France (Kick-off 2.45pm).
4.45 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v Ireland (Kick-off 5.00pm).
6.55 BBC News; Weather.
7.10 Let's Dance for Sport Relief. The grand final of the charity dance contest sees eight celebrity acts competing to win the crown. Katy Perry and JLS provide the music. Last in the series.
8.45 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.
9.35 Casualty. A three-part storyline comes to a conclusion this week, with Jade's hopes of leaving dashed by her worsening condition.
10.25 BBC News; Weather.
10.45 Match of the Day. Highlights of today's Premier League clashes (C) National Lottery Update.
11.45 The Football League Show.
1.00 Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Harry and Toto. 6.10 Lunar Jim. 6.20 Raa Raa the Noisy Lion. 6.35 Driver Dan's Story Train. 6.45 Pinky Dinky Doo. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show. 8.05 Pixelface. 8.35 Prank Patrol Down Under. 9.00 Ultimate Sports Day. 9.30 Helen's Polar Challenge for Sport Relief. 10.00 My Life. 10.30 Trapped. 11.00 Hacker Time. 11.25 OOglies. 11.40 MOTD Kickabout.
12.00 Escape to the Country.
1.00 Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Action from Albert Park, Melbourne.
2.15 FILM: Cromwell (1970).
4.30 Final Score. Round-up of football results.
5.30 Flog It!
6.30 Dad's Army.
7.00 The Story of Light Entertainment.
8.00 How God Made the English. New, three-part documentary, exploring what it means to be English.
9.00 Have I Got News for You.
9.30 Arena: The Dreams of William Golding. Profile of the Lord of the Flies writer.
11.00 FILM: Lord of the Flies (1963). Peter Brook's drama, with James Aubrey and Tom Chapin.
12.30 The Sarah Millican Television Programme.
1.00 FILM: Besieged (1998).

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. Also 7.25
9.25 ITV News.
9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.
11.20 This Morning: Saturday.
12.20 ITV News and Weather
12.30 Live FA Cup Football. Everton v Sunderland (Kick-off 12.45pm).
3.00 FILM: Death on the Nile (1978). Agatha Christie mystery, starring Peter Ustinov, Bette Davis, David Niven and Maggie Smith.
5.35 Anglia News and Weather.
5.45 ITV News and Weather.
6.00 All Star Family Fortunes. With Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Angela Rippon.
7.00 New You've Been Framed!
7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
8.00 Take Me Out.
9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host chats to TV and stage comedienne Sarah Millican, and former world boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard recalls life in the ring.
10.15 ITV News and Weather.
10.30 FA Cup Highlights. Action from the first two matches in the sixth round, featuring Everton v Sunderland at Goodison Park and Tottenham Hotspur v Bolton Wanderers.
11.30 The Cube. In the first-ever edition, a taxi driver and a flight attendant try to complete tasks within the confines of a transparent cube in a bid to win £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts.
12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People.
6.10 The Hoobs.
6.35 Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra.
7.30 The Grid.
7.55 The Morning Line.
8.55 T4: Koko Pop. 9.25 Real Stories: Eminem. 10.25 New Girl. 10.55 Charlie's Angels. 11.50 The Big Bang Theory. 12.25 The Big Bang Theory. 12.55 The Simpsons. 1.25 The Simpsons.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Uttoxeter and Ffos Las.
4.15 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Mandip Sehmi – Part Two.
4.20 Come Dine with Me. From Bury. Also 4.50, 5.20, 5.55 and 6.25.
6.55 Channel 4 News.
7.25 4thought.tv.
7.30 River Cottage Veg. Hugh Fearnley- Whittingstall spends a summer living on a vegetarian diet.
8.30 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. The importance of honour and reputation in traveller communities, featuring women who ran away to live with their boyfriends. Elsewhere, Paddy Doherty throws a New Year's Eve party.
9.30 The Celebrity Bank Job. Last in the series.
10.30 FILM: Copycat (1995). Thriller, with Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter.
12.55 FILM: Sex Drive (2008). Premiere.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 City of Friends. 6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 6.50 Igam Ogam. 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. 7.20 Family! 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 7.55 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.15 Emergency Bikers.
11.20 FILM: The Green Berets (1968).
2.05 FILM: Bronco Billy (1980).
4.20 FILM: RV: Runaway Vacation (2006). Family comedy.
6.20 5 News Weekend.
6.25 NCIS.
7.15 NCIS. A scientist goes missing.
8.00 NCIS. Abby becomes personally involved in the case of a murdered naval scientist.
9.00 CSI: NY. Two men are suspected of killing a judge.
10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Saliva from a tiger is discovered on a murdered model, leading the detectives on the hunt for a former people trafficker.
10.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
11.50 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show.
12.00 SuperCasino.

Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix
BBC1, Sunday, 2pm.

Take Me Out
ITV1, Saturday, 8pm.

Homeland
Channel 4, Sunday, 9pm.

Rambo
Channel 5, Sunday, 10pm.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.55 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Fulham v Swansea City.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions. From Samworth Enterprise Academy in Leicester.
11.00 Country Tracks. (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.00 Sunday Politics.
1.00 Bargain Hunt.
1.30 A Question of Sport. Light-hearted quiz, hosted by Sue Barker.
2.00 Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix. The opening race of the season from Albert Park, Melbourne.
4.00 David Walliams' Big Swim: A Sport Relief Special. The comedian's eight-day swim along the River Thames.
5.00 Lifeline.
5.10 Songs of Praise.
5.45 Land Girls. Esther faces up to being pregnant.
6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Includes Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow.
9.00 Upstairs Downstairs. Hallam and Persie continue their dangerous affair.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 FILM: War of the Worlds (2005). Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, starring Tom Cruise,
12.10 Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Harry and Toto. 6.10 Lunar Jim. 6.20 Raa Raa the Noisy Lion. 6.35 Driver Dan's Story Train. 6.45 Pinky Dinky Doo. 7.00 CBBC: Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 7.30 Dennis and Gnasher. 7.40 The Scooby-Doo Show; (C) The Owl. 8.05 Paradise Cafe. 8.30 Wingin' It. 8.50 Deadly 60 Bites. 9.00 Friday Download. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Homes Under the Hammer. 12.30 EastEnders. Omnibus.
2.20 FILM: The Taming of the Shrew (1967). Shakespeare comedy, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton.
4.20 Escape to the Country.
5.20 Flog It!
6.20 FILM: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2005). Sci-fi comedy, starring Martin Freeman and Bill Nighy.
8.00 Top Gear.
9.00 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. The earth's journey around the sun from the March equinox to the end of June.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Wolverhampton Wanderers v Manchester United at Molineux and Newcastle United v Norwich City at St James' Park.
11.00 Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix.
1.00 Rugby Union: Six Nations Highlights.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV.
7.25 CITV.
9.25 ITV News.
9.30 FA Cup Highlights. Action from the first two matches in the sixth round, featuring Everton v Sunderland at Goodison Park and Tottenham Hotspur v Bolton Wanderers.
10.30 May the Best House Win.
11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal.
12.30 ITV News and Weather.
12.40 Murder, She Wrote.
1.40 FILM: Columbo: Murder in Malibu (1990). Crime drama with Peter Falk.
3.30 Live FA Cup Football. Liverpool v Stoke City (Kick-off 4.00pm). Includes the semi-final draw.
6.15 Anglia News and Weather.
6.30 ITV News and Weather.
6.45 Planet's Funniest Animals.
7.00 Dancing on Ice. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.
10.00 ITV News and Weather.
10.15 Cops with Cameras. Following officers working across the UK as they carry out raids, round up suspects and continue the constant fight against crime.
11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints. Martin Bayfield presents highlights of the final at Sixways in Worcester.
12.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines.
2.35 River Monsters.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs.
7.05 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show.
7.30 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: David Smith – Part Two.
7.35 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered.
8.05 Real Stories: Jennifer Lopez.
8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. Also 9.20am
9.55 Frasier. Also 10.30am
11.00 The Big Bang Theory. Also 11.30am
12.00 The Simpsons. Also 12.35
1.10 Four in a Bed. Also 1.40, 2.10, 2.40 and 3.10.
3.40 Deal or No Deal.
4.40 Time Team. The lost town of Kenfig, south Wales.
5.40 FILM: The Simpsons Movie (2007). Animated comedy.
7.25 Channel 4 News.
7.55 4thought.tv.
8.00 Falklands' Most Daring Raid. The story of the RAF's 1982 mission to bomb Port Stanley's runway using a single Vulcan aircraft, making it inaccessible to Argentine jets.
9.00 Homeland. Drama, starring David Harewood.
10.05 FILM: How to Lose Friends & Alienate People (2008). A selfpromoting writer lands a job at a New York fashion magazine, but struggles to adapt to the world of celebrity. Comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst and Jeff Bridges.
12.20 FILM: Drillbit Taylor (2008). Premiere.

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12.55 FILM: Brave Warrior (1952). Western.
2.20 FILM: Stuart Little 3: Call of the Wild (2005). Children's animated adventure sequel.
3.50 FILM: The Tigger Movie (2000). Disney animated adventure.
5.15 5 News.
5.20 FILM: The Legend of Zorro (2005).
7.45 FILM: I, Robot (2004). Sci-fi thriller, with Will Smith. Includes 5 News Update.
10.00 FILM: Rambo (2008). Includes 5 News.
11.40 Ultimate Police Interceptors.
12.40 The World of Stupid Criminals.

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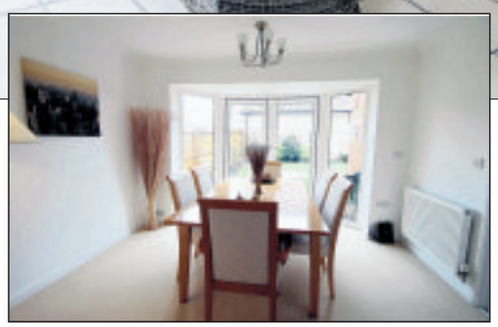
Contemporary style

at a glance

- Guide price of £225,000 - £245,000
- Modern village home
- Four double bedrooms
- En suite
- Garden and garage



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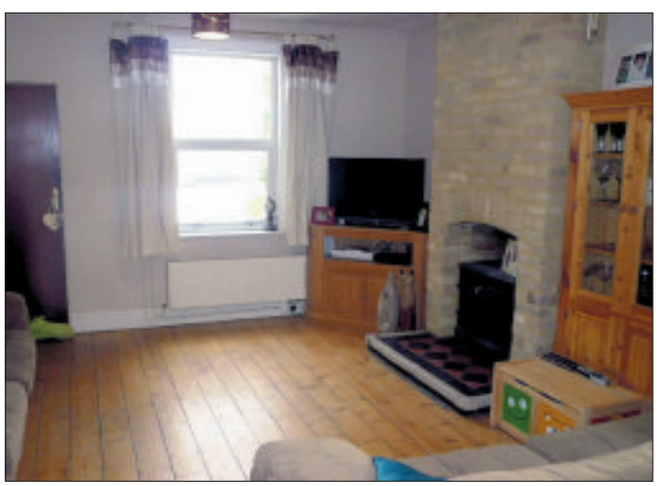

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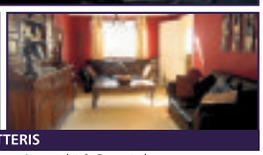

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NEW

SUTTON

A generously extended detached bungalow offering extensive living space and a large garden overlooking orchards which sits on a plot of approximately half an acre within the village of Sutton.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom & separate shower cubicle, lounge, dining room, family room, double glazing, gas central heating, large rear garden, views across orchards and farmland and extensive off road parking.

£319,950

NEW PRICE

SUTTON

This home is set on a good size plot with countryside views to the rear in one of this villages popular locations.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, study, dining room opening to the sitting room, kitchen, utility room, swimming pool, cellar, garage, off road parking and garden.

£349,950

NEW

ELY

A fantastically spacious detached family home presented in excellent condition with views to the front over farmland and in the catchment area for the sought after Lantern Primary School.

6 bedrooms, en suite shower rooms to three of the bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage, off road parking and rear garden.

£309,950

NEW PRICE

WILBURTON

A well presented detached family home situated within the highly regarded village of Wilburton.

5 bedrooms, shower room, 2 en suites, lounge, dining room, family/TV room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory and dining area, oil fired central heating, double glazing, gardens and garage with ample parking.

£359,950

NEW

ELY

A well presented mid terrace home, situated on the sought after Stour Green development just a short walk from the Lantern Primary School and the City Centre.

3 bedrooms, shower room, kitchen, lounge/dining room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garden, garage en bloc and off road parking. No upward chain.

£164,950

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WILBURTON

A spacious detached 5 bedroom family home located in the village of Wilburton providing easy access to the A10.

Entrance hall leading to lounge, study, the kitchen/family room, doors to rear garden, utility room. Master bedroom with en suite and built in wardrobes, second bedroom with en suite, two further double bedrooms with built in wardrobes and one single bedroom. Family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden, double garage and parking. GCH. Part furnished.

£1,600 PCM

NEW

COLLIER CLOSE, ELY

An impressive five bedroom detached property in this popular residential area providing great access to the city centre and local amenities.

The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs w/c, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, dining room. Master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, four bedrooms and a shower room. GCH. Rear enclosed garden. Single garage and car port. Unfurnished. NB - To be newly redecorated throughout. Unfurnished.

£1,450 PCM

NORFOLK ROAD, ELY

A spacious five bedroom detached property located to the south of the City Centre, giving excellent access to the A10 and within the catchment areas for St John's Primary School.

The property provides lounge with fireplace and patio doors, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, study downstairs cloakroom. Master bedroom with dressing area leading to en suite, four further bedrooms and a family bathroom. GCH. Enclosed rear garden with patio area. Double garage and drive. Unfurnished.

£1,250 PCM

WITCHFORD ROAD, ELY

A spacious four bedroom detached property in a great location to the West of Ely, providing great access to the A10 and the city centre.

The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs w/c, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen with pantry, utility cupboard, three double bedrooms, two with built-in wardrobes, one single bedroom and a family bathroom. Large garage and ample driveway parking. Enclosed rear landscaped garden. Unfurnished.

£1,200 PCM

WITCHFORD

An impressive four bedroom detatched family home located in the popular village of Witchford.

The property is well presented throughout and offers three double bedrooms with en-suite to the master bedroom. A single fourth bedroom and family bathroom. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen with built in gas hob and double electric oven. Utility room. Rear enclosed garden. Parking - paved driveway and single garage. GCH. Unfurnished.

£900 PCM

LET

MERIVALE WAY, ELY

A well presented three bedroom end terrace townhouse located just off the popular Kings Avenue development in Ely.

The property comprises of kitchen with built-in electric oven and gas hob, utility room, dining room and shower room on the ground floor. Lounge and bedroom to first floor. Master bedroom with en-suite, second bedroom and family bathroom to second floor. Enclosed rear garden, GCH. Garage en-bloc. Unfurnished.

£875 PCM

LET

THE CHASE, ELY

A well presented three bedroom bungalow situated in a sought after location on the West side of the city providing excellent access to the A10 and to the city centre.

This neutrally decorated property offers entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom. GCH. Front garden and large rear garden with shed. Large driveway parking. Unfurnished.

£850 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A four bedroom mid-terraced property on this popular development in Littleport offering great access to the A10.

The property comprises of lounge/diner, kitchen with appliances, w/c. Three bedrooms to the first floor, one with en-suite and built-in wardrobes, family bathroom. Master bedroom with en-suite and built-in wardrobes to second floor. GCH. Rear garden laid to lawn. Two parking spaces. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM

QUAYSIDE, ELY

A three bedroom apartment located next to the river providing easy access to the Station and the Town centre.

The property comprises of lounge with beamed ceiling, kitchen with cooker and space for fridge and washing machine, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Neutrally decorated throughout. GCH. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

NEW

LITTLE THETFORD

A well presented two bedroom semi detached house located in a popular Village just two miles South of Ely, providing easy access to A10.

The property offers kitchen/diner, lounge, two double bedrooms and bathroom with over bath shower. Oil central heating. Front and rear gardens. Garage and driveway. Neutral decor throughout. Unfurnished.

£605 PCM

ASH GROVE, ELY

A two bedroom end terrace house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in Ely.

The property comprises of kitchen, lounge, lean to conservatory, two double bedrooms and bathroom with shower over bath. Neutrally decorated throughout, enclosed rear garden, GCH and new double glazing. Allocated parking for 2 cars. Unfurnished.

£595 PCM

NEW

WITCHFORD

A modern and well presented two bedroom ground floor flat located in the popular Village of Witchford, two miles West of Ely and providing easy access to the A10 and A142.

The property offers open plan living area, integrated appliances to kitchen area, two bedrooms, one with en-suite shower room. Main bathroom. Double glazed throughout. GCH. Two allocated parking spaces. Unfurnished.

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LITTLEPORT

A three storey, five bedroom property on a popular development in Littleport, just 4 miles from Ely and providing easy access to the rail station and A10.

The property offers kitchen/breakfast room, with built in gas hob/electric oven, fridge/freezer and dishwasher, utility room, downstairs w/c, lounge, BR1 with built in wardrobes and en-suite to first floor, BR2 with built in wardrobe, three further bedrooms and bathroom. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Car barn to rear. Unfurnished.

£1,175 PCM

CARDINALS WAY, ELY

A well presented three bedroom townhouse in a sought after city centre location, within walking distance to the rail station and providing easy access to the A10 and A142.

The property comprises of kitchen/diner with range cooker, separate dining room. Downstairs w/c. Lounge. Family bathroom with bath, WC and basin. Master and second bedroom with built in wardrobe and ensuite. Third bedroom with built-in wardrobe. GCH. Garden- Enclosed courtyard garden. Parking- garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£995 PCM

NEW

WITCHFORD

A four bedroom detached property in this popular location with local schools and amenities and providing great access to A10 and A142.

The property comprises of entrance hall with downstairs w/c, living room, kitchen with double oven, separate dining room and utility room. Master bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. Integral garage and driveway. Rear enclosed garden. GCH. Unfurnished.

£975 PCM

LET

STOUR GREEN, ELY

A three storey four bedroom townhouse in this sought after area in an excellent location for the Lantern Primary School and within walking distance to the city centre.

The property offers entrance hall, downstairs w/c, study, kitchen with built-in gas hob & electric oven, separate dining room. Lounge, master bedroom with en-suite and wardrobes, two further double bedrooms, a single bedroom and family bathroom. Enclosed rear garden laid to lawn with decking area. GCH. Garage and one parking space. Unfurnished.

£950 PCM

KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A modern three bedroom townhouse situated in this popular development to the North of Ely.

The property benefits from three double bedrooms, with en-suite to the master and a further family bathroom. Well presented kitchen with built in gas hob and electric oven, living/dining room and small rear lawned garden. GCH. Single garage and one off road parking space. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM

NEW

JOHN AMNER CLOSE, ELY

A spacious and neutrally decorated property close to the city centre providing good transport links to the railway station and A10.

The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs w/c, open plan lounge/diner, conservatory. Kitchen with appliances. Master bedroom with built-in wardrobes and en-suite bathroom, second double bedroom, family bathroom with shower over bath. Rear enclosed garden with shed. GCH. Driveway parking space. Unfurnished.

£700 PCM

NEW

LYNN ROAD, ELY

A characterful two bedroom end of terrace property set in a central location providing great access to the A10, city centre and rail station.

The property comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen with built-in oven and hob, utility room and downstairs w/c. Two double bedrooms with bathroom coming off of second bedroom. GCH. Large garden to rear. Single garage en bloc. Unfurnished.

£695 PCM

BRAYS LANE, ELY

An improved two bedroom end terrace house, a short walk from the City Centre, River and railway station.

The property offers a recently fitted kitchen with built in electric hob and oven, washing machine and fridge, lounge, bathroom and two bedrooms, all recently decorated and carpeted. Electric heating. Enclosed rear Courtyard. One allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£635 PCM

NEW

LITTLE THETFORD

A well presented two bedroom semi detached house located in a popular Village just two miles South of Ely, providing easy access to A10.

The property offers kitchen/diner, lounge, two double bedrooms and bathroom with over bath shower. Oil central heating. Front and rear gardens. Garage and driveway. Neutral decor throughout. Unfurnished.

£605 PCM

KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A well presented two bedroom first floor flat on the popular Kings Avenue development, in an excellent location and providing easy access to the A10.

The property offers lounge, kitchen with built in electric hob/oven, fridge/freezer and plumbing for washing machine. Two bedrooms. Bathroom with shower over bath. Newly decorated throughout. Parking- one allocated space. Unfurnished.

£575 PCM

HIGH STREET, ELY

A spacious one bedroom first floor flat located on the High Street within the City Centre and excellently located for the railway station.

The property offers kitchen/diner with electric hob and oven. Bathroom with over bath shower, wc and basin. Views of the Cathedral. Neutrally decorated throughout with GCH. Unfurnished.

£535 PCM

NEW PRICE

SOHAM

A bright and spacious two bedroom second floor flat in the popular Market Town of Soham.

This neutrally decorated property comprises of lounge/diner with laminate wood flooring, kitchen with built in electric hob & oven, fridge/freezer, washing machine and slimline dishwasher. A double bedroom and good sized single bedroom and bathroom with shower over bath. One allocated parking space. Unfurnished.

£525 PCM

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LT DOWNHAM £139,950

NEW

- Established semi
- 3 bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge and conservatory
- Quiet village location
- Allocated parking
- Low maintenance garden
- No onward chain

SUTTON £149,950

NEW

- Modern semi bungalow
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- 2 bedrooms
- Detached garage
- Private rear garden
- No onward chain

WILBURTON £220,000

- Victorian cottage
- Popular village overlooking local church
- Lounge with open fireplace
- 3 double bedrooms on 1st floor
- En-suite and dressing room/study on 2nd floor
- Allocated parking and

WELNEY £365,000

- Established detached bungalow
- Semi rural location with open farmland to front and rear
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen breakfast room
- 1 bedroom attached annex

ELY £200,000

- Link detached family home
- Popular cul-de-sac location
- Extended
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas heating
- Garage and parking

LITTLEPORT £189,950

- Extended semi bungalow
- 3/4 bedrooms
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen thro dining
- Bathroom with separate shower
- Utility and cloakroom
- Low maintenance garden
- Off road parking

ELY £355,000

NEW

- Individual detached house
- Small select development
- 4 bedrooms
- Kitchen and utility
- Family and dining area
- Garage and garden
- No onward chain

ELY £200,000

- Barn style detached house
- Centrally located
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to bedroom 1
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Carport

ELY £250,000

- Modern sem townhouse
- Versatile accommodation
- 2 Groundfloor bedrooms
- 3 further bedrooms
- Dual aspect lounge
- Fitted kitchen/dining room
- Carport and garage
- Well presented

SUTTON £164,950

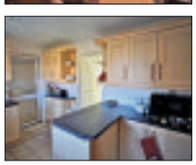
- Modern townhouse
- Kitchen breakfast room
- Family room
- Firstfloor lounge
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- 2 further bedroom 2nd floor
- Smartly presented

STRETHAM £159,950

- Deceptively spacious village property
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchenbreakfast room
- Downstairs bathroom
- Courtyard garden
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- Popular village location

WITCHFORD £199,950

NEW



- Established detached house
- Popular village location
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge dining room
- 3 bedrooms
- Family room
- Bathroom
- Enclosed garden

LITTLEPORT £67,500

- Purpose built 2nd floor apartment
- Centrally located
- 1 double bedroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- No onward chain

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NEW

Wicken **Guide Price £200,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase part of a sympathetically converted Edwardian village school with a blend of character & contemporary features. Hall, stylish bathroom, superb lounge/dining/contemporary kitchen, 2 double bedrooms (1 en-suite), gardens & 2 parking spaces. Attractive countyside views to the rear. No chain.

NEW

Sutton **£134,000**

A character 2 bedroom semi detached cottage situated in a highly regarded part of this popular village. Accommodation includes lounge, kitchen, utility room/rear lobby, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, mature garden and parking. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

NEW

Littleport **£250,000**

An established spacious detached bungalow on a plot of approx 1/4 of an acre close to village centre. Porch, hall, spacious lounge, conservatory, inner hall, utility, kitchen/breakfast room, 2 double bedrooms, shower room, annexe/bedroom 3 with ensuite, extensive front garden, driveway, garage, workshop, enclosed side & rear gardens. No chain.

NEW

Ely **£265,000**

A spacious detached home situated on a popular development and comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen with breakfast area, utility, 4 bedrooms (master with dressing area and ensuite), family bathroom, gardens, extensive driveway and double garage. Viewing recommended.

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Little Downham £460,000

An impressive detached home in a prestigious village location. Extensive accommodation including 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), 3 reception rooms, double garage with room above and swimming pool. Plot in excess of 1/4 acre.

NEW

Ely £189,950

A rare opportunity to purchase a modern central city home ideally located for access to the many city amenities and mainline railway station. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, parking and gardens.

NEW

Haddenham £400,000

A Grade II Listed extended detached character cottage situated close to the centre of this highly regarded village backing onto paddocks. The property offers versatile accommodation including 3 reception rooms and 4 bedrooms, together with a double garage and a wealth of character features.

Sutton £490,000

A substantial period property offering versatile accommodation in a superb elevated position with views towards countryside to rear. Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, garden room, cloakroom, cellar, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, attic room comprising bedroom/sitting area, driveway, garage & extensive gardens.

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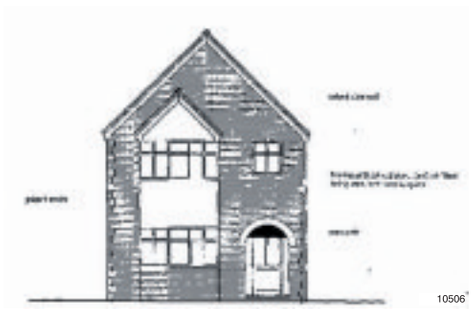
Sutton
A well presented and extended 3 bedroom semi detached property situated at the end of a cul de sac with driveway providing ample off street parking, single garage. Offered for sale with no upward chain.

NEW PRICE

Soham **£299,950**
A recently constructed chalet bungalow in a plot of approx 1 acre (sts) in a popular rural location. The property offers scope for those with an enquestrian interest & has a separate office building.



Ely **£125,000**
A building plot (with full planning permission) situated in a prestigious central City location with permission for a 3 bedroom detached house.

Littleport **£159,950**
A superbly presented semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master bedroom with ensuite) & family bathroom, together with single garage, driveway & gardens.

SALE AGREED

Ely
An immaculately presented modern detached home on the edge of the development with hall, 2 receptions, conservatory, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, garage, enclosed garden.

Littleport **£235,950**
Deceptively spacious bungalow in a quiet lane close to the centre of the village. Hall, 2 receptions, spacious kitchen, breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, boot room, office, 3 double bedrooms, superb bathroom, driveway, gardens.

Ely **£240,000**
An established 2/3 bedroom detached bungalow in a highly regarded central City location with driveway & private rear gardens. The bungalow requires modernisation, however, offers superb potential. No chain.

Ely **£495,000**
An imposing immaculately presented detached residence offering substantial accommodation including 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and situated close to the City centre and schools.

SALE AGREED

Haddenham
A highly individual family home offering versatile accommodation including 5 bedrooms situated in a highly regarded non estate location.

NEW PRICE

Littleport **£142,000**
A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 bedroom semi detached converted Methodist Chapel dating back to the 1800's offering a wealth of character features.

SALE AGREED

Ely
A two bedroom terraced home situated on the highly regarded Beeches Development. The property benefits from gas central heating, enclosed garden and off road parking.

Southery **£250,000**
A character 4 bedroom home set in grounds of approximately 3 1/4 acres with yard, barn and paddocks offering an excellent opportuinity for those having an equestrian interest.

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Ely **£225,000**
A modern detached family house situated in an established highly regarded residential location. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (master

SALE AGREED

Witchford
A spacious detached bungalow requiring some updating and benefitting from no upward chain. Hall, kitchen, lounge/diner, 2 double bedrooms, conservatory, gardens, driveway and garage.

Soham **£144,950**
A detached bungalow situated in a highly regarded residential location. Includes entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, single garage, driveway parking and gardens.

SALE AGREED

Soham
An extended 2 bedroom end terraced home with accommodation that includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, dining room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, parking and gardens.

Wilburton **£490,000**
A superb detached residence comprising reception hall, shower room, dining/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, study, garden room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, triple garage, driveway, gardens.

Haddenham **£239,950**
A Grade II Listed house situated close to the centre of this popular village, in need of modernisation throughout with 3 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, double garage, gardens. No chain.

Ely **Guide Price £249,950**
A spacious modern detached home in popular location. Entrance hall, cloakroom, utility, superb refitted kitchen opening to dining/family room, spacious lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garden, driveway, garage.

NEW PRICE

Soham **£218,000**
An established detached bungalow (circa 1965) situated close the centre of this popular fenland town. Kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, tandem length garage, parking & gardens. No chain.

Chittering **£395,000**
A substantial 3/4 bedroom detached house set in grounds of approximately just over one acre with yard, office, general purposes buildings and grass field.

Sutton **£189,950**
An established detached bungalow situated close to the centre of this popular village. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, conservatory, double garage, parking and gardens.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£450,000**
Situated in a superb city location this highly individual detached family home has an entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, family room, utility room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage, parking, gardens.

Littleport **£285,000**
A superbly presented extended detached family home situated in a non estate location. The property includes 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), gas central heating, double galzing, garage, extensive parking and gardens.

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WILLIAMS CLOSE, ELY
£1,250 pcm

Modern and well presented four bedroom detached house in a highly regarded location. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with ensuite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and garage.

ALLEN ROAD, ELY
£1,250 pcm

Spacious and very well presented detached home. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room with integrated appliances, utility room, master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite shower room, four further bedrooms and a fitted bathroom with shower over the bath. The property has gas heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and single garage. Available now.

CITY ROAD, LITTLEPORT
£1,100 pcm

Brand new detached house offering spacious family accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, study, dining room, lounge with feature fireplace, master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite shower room, bedroom two with ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms and a bathroom. Garden, garage and drive. Available now.

CHELMER WAY, ELY
£1,050 pcm

Modern townhouse on this popular development to the north of the City. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, dining room and kitchen/breakfast room with integrated cooker and French doors to garden. Accommodation to the first floor comprises living room with feature fireplace and two bedrooms. Accommodation to the second floor comprises the master suite, bedroom two and family bathroom. Gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking.

FOREHILL, ELY
£1,100 pcm

Substantial four bedroom townhouse located in the City centre with gas central heating, courtyard garden and off road parking to the rear.

MILL CORNER, SOHAM
£775 pcm

Detached three bedroom cottage with conservatory, outbuildings and gardens to front and rear. Available beginning May.

WISBECH ROAD, LITTLEPORT
£750 pcm

Detached three bedroom house within walking distance of the town centre with gas central heating, double glazing, garage and garden (gardening included).

ALTHORPE COURT, ELY
£750 pcm

Modern three bedroom detached house with conservatory, gas heating, double glazing, enclosed garden, garage and driveway.

VICTORIA STREET, LITTLEPORT
£725 pcm

Well presented three bedroom semi detached house close to the town centre with gas heating, double glazing and garden to rear. Furnishings negotiable.

COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY
£725 pcm

Modern three bedroom terraced house with enclosed garden, gas heating, double glazing and carport. Available mid April.

HIGHFIELD DRIVE, LITTLEPORT
£695 pcm

Modern three bedroom end of terrace house with gas central heating, enclosed garden and allocated parking. Available now.

QUAYSIDE, ELY
£625 pcm

Three bedroom flat ideally located for the City centre, riverside and rail station. The property has gas central heating.

FITZGERALD CLOSE, ELY
£600 pcm

Modern two bedroom terraced house with gas central heating enclosed rear garden and garage. Available mid April.

VICTORIA STREET, LITTLEPORT
£575 pcm

Modern three bedroom end of terrace house with gas central heating, enclosed low-maintenance garden and off road parking.

LYNN ROAD, ELY
£550 pcm

Modern semi detached three bedroom house with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.

SAFFRON CLOSE, LITTLEPORT
£550 pcm

Well presented two bedroom terraced house with gas central heating, enclosed garden and on-street. Available now.

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Well presented, deceptively spacious 1 bedroom maisonette forming part of a Victorian detached house. Located just a stones throw from the main City centre
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NEW

Haddenham £550

Well presented two bedroom bungalow on a corner plot in excellent location for schools and local amenities
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Sutton £575

An outstanding, extremely large, contemporary 1 bedroom coach house style flat located on this popular development in the village of Sutton
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- Furnished
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- Deposit £950

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Delightful 2 bedroom bungalow presented to the highest of standards located in a quiet cul de sac in this sought after village
- Available 01/04/2012
- Unfurnished
- Deposit £975

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Stunning and deceptively spacious, newly refurbished three bedroom house set in this popular village location
- Available Now
- Unfurnished
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Village location! This two bedroom cottage has lounge, separate dining room and reer garden. A must view for any first time buyer.

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REDUCED £242,000

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Soham

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Littleport **£210,000**

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WANTED!

Mr W is looking for 3 or 4 bedroom bugalows in Ely

can you help?

Ely **£210,000**

Very well maintained extended 3/4 bedroom house with off road parking. Bedroom 4/Study, utility room, conservatory, refitted kitchen and bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom.

WANTED!

Mr and Mrs S are looking for 3 bedroom properties in Littleport, near the station

can you help?

Littleport **£205,000**

Four bedroom detached house with garage, gardens and off road parking. This home also has en-suite to the master bedroom and views over farmland to the rear aspect. Call today to view!

WANTED!

Mr and Mrs K are looking for Victorian & Georgian properties in Ely

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This five bedroom detached house offers accommodation including lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, wc, two en-suites, double garage with room/office over. This home is a must see.

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Countryside Views!

This 2/3 bedroom semi-detatched house benefits from a lounge, dining room, kitchen, garage and enclosed rear garden.

Soham £179,950
VIEWING ADVISED! Ref: 7676

Ideal Location

This property benefts from a kitchen/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms along with access to a single garage and parking.

Littleport £144,950
ADVISED TO VIEW Ref: 7562

Close To Central Ely!

This three storey modern town house includes a fully fitted kitchen/dining room, four bedrooms, garage and gardens.

Ely £226,000
DONT DELAY VIEW TODAY! Ref: 7058

Great Area!

The property offers four bedrooms with en-suite, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, tandem garage and a spacious garden.

Soham £250,000
ARRANGE A VIEWING Ref: 7577

Great Choice

This great starter home bungalow has one bedroom, a conservatory and gardens.

Soham OIEO: £95,000
DIAL AWAY NOW Ref: 7586

Expect The Best!

This detatched property offers four bedrooms a lounge, diner, kitchen, and gardens.

Haddenham Guide Price: £335,000 - £345,000
TAKE A LOOK INSIDE Ref: 7559

Classy!

A two bedroom semi detached cottage with a lounge, kitchen, fully enclosed garden and parking for three cars.

Sutton £137,500
BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT Ref: 7487

In The Country!!

This semi-detatched cottage offers a lounge, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms.

Prickwillow Guide Price: £140,000 - £147,000
VIEWING IS A MUST Ref: 7606

Yours to Own!

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Modern home!

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MUST SEE! Ref: 7591

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This spacious detatched house has two reception rooms, four stunning bedrooms, landscaped garden within a cul-de-sac.

Soham Guide Price: £250,000 - £275,000
CALL TO VIEW! Ref: 7554

Three Bed Bliss!

This three storey, 3 bedroom mid terrace town house is in a popular location with an enclosed rear garden and parking.

Soham £184,950
VIEWING TIME! Ref: 7667

Top Choice!

A stunning three storey detached home boasting five bedrooms with ensuite to master bedroom and three reception rooms.

Littleport £349,950
CALL THE OFFICE NOW! Ref: 7595

Spacious!!

This well presented three bedroom house offers a lounge/diner, newly fitted kitchen, conservatory and garden.

Soham £149,950
VIEW VIEW VIEW!! Ref: 7632

Enchanting!

This three bedroom detatched property boasts a double lounge, kitchen/dining room, stylish rear garden and a private drive.

Littleport OIEO: £215,000
DIAL AWAY, VIEW TODAY! Ref: 7112

Delightful Living!

This end terrace house offers a a lounge/diner, 3 bedrooms and fully enclosed rear garden.

Soham £194,500
CALL THE OFFICE! Ref: 7664

Well Presented!

This detatched property offers four bedrooms and a double garage located on a corner plot.

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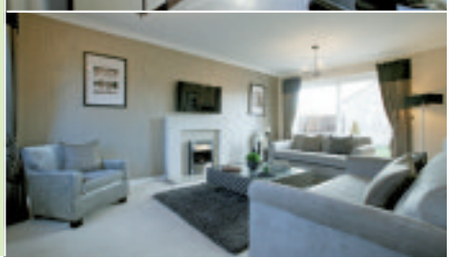

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Manea

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Littleport

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LITTLEPORT
O/A £227,000

This detached ex showhome offers spacious accommodation and is situated within walking distance to the primary school, on a popular development. The accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, utility room, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms, en suite to master and family bathroom. uPVC double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden, garage and driveway parking.

WARDY HILL
O/A £299,950

Built in 1903 this highly individual 2 bedroom detached converted Chapel benefits from a mature large rear garden with home office/studio, gravelled driveway and parking area.

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O/A £499,950

Having spacious and versatile accommodation, with the potential to create an annexe, this spacious 6/7 bedroom detached house is situated in a popular residential location towards the edge of the City and benefits from double glazing, gas fired central heating, double garage and extensive parking, whilst to the rear of the property is a long garden.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £144,950

A semi detached house situated towards the edge of the village comprising: lounge, kitchen/dining area, conversatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, gardens and garage.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £159,950

A well presented 3 bedroom semi detached house built in about 2005 providing spacious accommodation, situated in this popular development with a rear garden that backs on to a wooded area.

ELY
O/A £179,500

This semi detached bungalow is situated in a rarely available and much sought after location about 3/4 of a mile from the City Centre in a pleasant cul de sac. The accommodation comprises: kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms and bathroom Outside is a gravelled front garden area, long side drive leading to the garage and a delightful rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

SOUTHERY
O/A £72,500

A large building plot with Planning Permission for the construction of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling and garage, following the demolition of a pair of derelict semi detached dwellings and associated outbuildings.

COVENEY
O/A £489,000

Standing in delightful gardens of about 1/2 an acre (sts), this 4 bedroom detached Grade II listed thatched cottage has charming internal features and comprises: reception hall, cloakroom, sitting room, family room, dining room, office/study, utility room, kitchen/breakfast room, en suite shower room to master bedroom and shower room. Outside there are large landscaped gardens and double garage with self contained office/studio.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £350,000

Set in rural surroundings this individual detached bungalow, together with outbuildings on a plot of about 6 acres in all (STMS), comprises: front porch, side entrance hall, inner hall, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, sitting room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, conservatory/utility area, detached garage and gardens.

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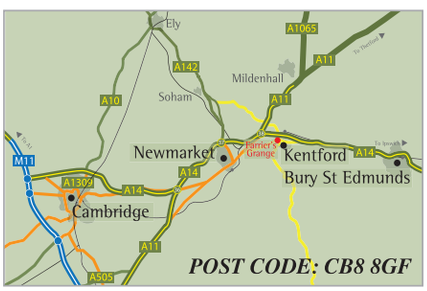

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1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges** / **Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables** / **documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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The Vindis Group became involved with the team at Each during the launch of the new Bentley Cambridge dealership in January. With 200 local people attending the launch event, the Vindis Group felt it was important to use this as an opportunity to support a local charity. Subsequently, more than £750 was raised for Each from the guests at the launch.

Helping the children and their families was of great importance to the Vindis Group but so was helping the team at Each. Vindis Group operations manager, Victoria Stubbs, said: "Meeting the team at Each was an incredibly humbling experience. We wanted to help give something back to the people that give so much."

That's why the Vindis Group recently arranged a VIP experience, with the Northampton Saints Rugby Team. The Each staff were invited to watch the Northampton Saints vs. London Wasps game at the Saints home ground, Franklin's Gardens, from the comfort of their own executive suite, and were provided with a buffet meal and unlimited refreshments.

Bentley Cambridge looks forward to a long and supportive partnership with Each.

Meanwhile Bentley has unveiled a dramatic new Sport Utility Vehicle concept, EXP 9 F, at the Geneva International Salon d'Auto.

The company's designers and engineers have created a compelling new take on the Grand Touring Bentley. Unmistakably a Bentley – yet like none before – the EXP 9 F could herald a third Bentley model-line alongside the bespoke Mulsanne and the high-performance Continental GT, GTC and Flying Spur.

For many, a dramatically styled, Bentley all-wheel drive SUV with a spacious, versatile cabin and commanding driving position, with Bentley's hallmark power, performance, advanced technology and hand crafted luxury, would be a natural choice on and off-road.

Although the EXP 9 F concept is based around the Bentley 6.0-litre, twin-turbocharged W12 engine with an 8-speed transmission, both the recently-launched 4.0-litre, twin-turbocharged V8 or a hybrid drivetrain could meet the performance requirements of a pinnacle luxury SUV.

■ The *News* is currently supporting Each raise £80,000 for a play area – see *www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Childs-Play-Appeal* for details.

New Fiat Panda in showrooms

THE third generation Fiat Panda, Europe's best-selling supermini, is bigger, roomier, safer and more fuel efficient than its predecessors. It's also on sale now at EMG Motor Group's Milton Road site.

The all-new Fiat Panda: Award-winning Twin Air Turbo is one of many options.

Three engine options will be offered at launch, headed by Fiat's award-winning TwinAir Turbo. This 875cc unit has the lowest carbon dioxide emissions of any quantity production petrol engine in the world, and won International Engine of the Year 2011 courtesy of its unique combination of power, flexibility and economy. With 85hp, 67.3mpg economy (Combined cycle), and a characterful throaty soundtrack, this engine has cemented Fiat's position at the forefront of modern combustion engine development.

The TwinAir Turbo is to be joined later in the year by a normally aspirated version for the very first time. There is also the latest evolution of the dependable 1.2-litre FIRE engine. With 69bhp, it employs variable valve timing technology to blend power with economy. The new Fiat Panda is also available with a 1.3-litre MultiJet2 turbo diesel. This second generation, compact unit features faster injectors than its predecessor, making it quieter, more economical and cheaper to run.

The TwinAir Turbo and MultiJet will come with Start&Stop and a Gear Shift Indicator (GSI), which suggests to the driver when to change gear in order to achieve the best economy.

"Prices range from £8,900 for the entry model to £12,544 for the Twin Air Lounge with metallic paint," said EMG Motor Group's new car sales controller Darren Hunns, "and of course there's nil road tax on the Twin Air versions thanks to its 95g/km CO2 emissions."

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Attacking A-Class on show

THE heartbeat at the centre of Mercedes-Benz's presence at the Geneva Motor Show last week is the world premiere of the new A-Class.

The company is opening up a whole new chapter in the compact segment: markedly emotive in design, with powerful engines ranging from 109bhp to 211bhp, and extremely efficient, with emissions from just 99g of CO2/km. The standard spec includes, among other things, the radar-based Collison Prevention Assist system.

"A is for Attack: the A-Class is a clear statement of the new dynamism of the Mercedes-Benz brand," explains Dr Dieter Zetsche, chairman of Daimler AG and head of Mercedes-Benz Cars. "It is completely new, down to the last detail. In automotive development, it's not often you get the chance to start with a clean sheet of paper. For the first time, the performance specialists from AMG were involved in the development of the compact class from a very early stage."

The result is the most dynamic version of the new model series – the A-Class Sport 'engineered by AMG', in which the visual affinity to the Concept A-Class is at its most evident. A broad range of both petrol and diesel engines includes, for the first time, a Mercedes-Benz which will produce just 99g/km of CO2.

The bandwidth of the new generation of petrol engines with a displacement of 1.6 and 2.0-litres ranges from 115bhp in the A 180 and 156bhp in the A 200 through to 211bhp in the A 250. Common to all is the combination of direct injection and exhaust gas turbocharging, a more advanced combustion process and an extended stratification range for lean-burn operation that uses fast-acting injectors for the multiple injection of the fuel as well as on-demand multi-spark ignition.

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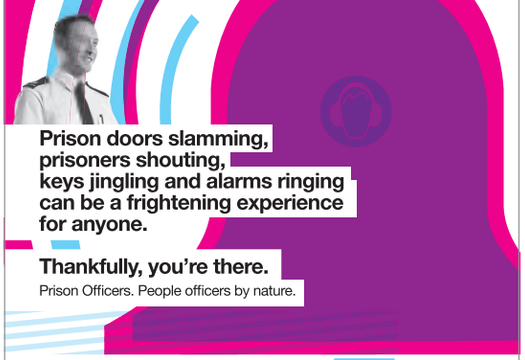

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MEN SEEKING

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Your CV

When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, home and mobile phone numbers and email address . If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

A covering letter can be just as important as a CV in getting you an interview. It's your first point of contact with your potential employer - so make it count.

» Rowing

On-song King's Head of the rest

KING'S School, Ely rowers were in unbeatable form at J14 and J13 at the Cambridge Head, which attracted entries from all over the region on Saturday.

Freddie Scott and Edmund Dickens were racing up a year at J14 level and beat all the other Year 8s and 9s, who came from all over the eastern region, to win the J14 doubles. Eve Noble and Christine Fialova also proved to be another winning pairing in the J13 doubles.

Over the final 500 metres they battled hard to see off strong competition from the other King's Ely double of Isla Taylor and Isabelle Parris.

There was a second win for Scott and Dickens when they teamed up with Tom Oldham, Kai Wigdahl and cox Sabina Ray to win the J13 quads – crossing the line 55 seconds ahead of the rest.

Noble and Fialova also notched up a second success, joining Isla Taylor, Isabelle Parris and Harriet Parris to win the girls' J13 quad by five seconds.

"It was a fantastic day. Everyone gave of their best and raced hard," said James Robinson, King's Ely Head of Rowing.

» Hockey

Lacklustre City are pegged back late on

City of Ely 2 Dereham III 2
EAST MEN'S LEAGUE, DIVISION 2N

ELY travelled to fifth-placed Dereham looking to secure another three points in their pursuit of promotion to Division One. Unfortunately, a lacklustre display saw them only manage a draw, leaving everything to play for in the last four games of the season.

Ely started well, with returning defenders Myles Forber and Feroze Abbas giving the back four solidity. Dereham tested Ely early on but, despite conceding a few short corners, the visitors held their nerve. Nick Wells looked commanding in front of the defence and, despite missing the newly signed South African midfielder Totu Rulalu, skipper Stu Clarke and Rob Radcliffe worked hard in the midfield to get the ball out to the flanks.

However, Ely started to get edgy and, rather than patiently waiting for opportunities, tried to force the play. Dereham packed their defence, and the frustration began to show as Ely continuously pushed forward looking for a break, with no success. It was leading scorer Chris Vincett who took the initiative, eventually finding an opening and driving the ball hard into the Dereham goal. The hosts soon answered and netted shortly afterwards, bringing the score level again at 1-1.

Next it was Chris Purllant's turn to add his name to the scoresheet – ever keen to remain in the race for the season's top scorer.

His well-timed strike put Ely back into the lead, leaving the score 2-1 at the half-time whistle.

Ely resolved to improve their game in the second half, but failed to deliver. The movement of the ball was slick and decisive through the defence and the midfield, but the opportunities did not come up front. Despite some good off-the-ball movement from the front three, and a series of short corners, Ely were unable to extend their lead over a well-organised Dereham team.

With 10 minutes to go, the Dereham midfield counter-attacked, leaving most of the Ely side chasing back hopelessly behind the ball. Outnumbered at the back, Dereham reached the Ely D and, with a powerful shot from the edge of the area, made it 2-2.

» Table tennis

Pazdzior is still the man to beat

MIREK Pazdzior again dominated the Men's events at the Ely & District League's closed tournament as he retained his two singles and one doubles titles.

Other players to retain their titles were Ed Emmerson in the junior boys' singles, and Martin Freeland with Pazdzior in the men's doubles.

The absence of Tracey Sambrook brought a complete change of winners in the ladies' events.

Results: men's singles - Mirek Pazdzior, runner-up Martin Freeland. **Men's doubles** - Pazdzior & Freeland, runners-up Kieran Mohan & Christian Mohan. **Ladies' singles** - Anne Chambers, runner-up Margaret Chambers. **Ladies' doubles** -Anne & Margaret Chambers, runners-up Melissa Rule & Janet Nicholls. **Mixed doubles** - Peters Zivtins & Caroline Wright, runners-up Jeff Catlin & Amy Catlin. **Junior boys' singles** - Ed Emmerson, runner-up Rhys Davies. **Junior girls' singles** - Amy Catlin, runner-up Emily Brown. **Junior doubles** - Rhys Davies & Tom Bicknell, runners-up Elliot Smith & Nicky Rule. **Under-15 singles:** Callum Wilkinson - runner-up Nicky Rule. **Veterans' singles** - Mirek Pazdzior, runner-up Jeff Catlin. **Over-50 singles** - Rob Wallis, runner-up Jeff Catlin. **Unseeded doubles** - Marc Meunier & Rob Pownall, runners-up Peters Zivtins & Ed Emmerson. **Handicap singles** -Mick Wells, runner-up Marc Meunier. **Regular player singles** - Rhys Davies, runner-up Elliot Smith.

■ In Division One, Soham were beaten 6-4 by Elsworth, while Gazeley whitewashed Fulbourn II.

Division Two action saw Impington visit Elsworth II and come away with a 9-1 victory, and Ellesmere pulled off a surprise 6-4 win over Fulbourn III mainly through Rhys Davies winning his three singles and then taking the doubles with Rob Boyce.

In Division Three, Soham Comrades IV and Fulbourn VI battled out a draw. Rob Pownall secured three singles wins for Ely II, but they went down 7-3 to Fulbourn V.

» Youth football round-up

Rovers keep up good run

HADDENHAM Rovers stretched their unbeaten Cambridge & District Colts League, Division 13A run to six with a 2-1 win over Little Paxton that took them third in the table.

Ben Lymer's 16th goal of the season and a Jay Spittles header delivered the points.

■ Littleport Town put on an excellent team effort to draw 2-2 against Division 14C leaders Fulbourn.

Josh Bidecant, shortly before his exit to hospital with an elbow injury, and Charlie Smith were Port's marksmen.

■ Witchford inflicted only the second loss of the season on current Division 12B league leaders Shelford & Stapleford Strikers with a great display of passing football.

Jordan Emms (2), Jack Sheridan, Ben Tomkins and an own goal did the damage.

■ A hat-trick from Ben Harnwell and a double strike from Luke Merry earned Mepal Sports a 5-0 victory over Aztecs Blue in Division 11E of the Cambs Mini League.

■ Ely Crusaders came from being behind early on to beat Sporting Stretham 5-2 in Division 10C.

A Jack Kobil hat-trick and goals from Ben Marshall and Thomas Hook secured the win.

■ Witchford Blue came out on top 3-2 against Burwell Blue in Division 10D.

Luke Welch put them ahead and a quick-fire brace from Matthew Allgood put Witchford 3-0 up at half-time, but Burwell bounced back with goals from Hannah Spray and Ryan Butler after the break.

However, Witchford held on for victory.

■ Haddenham Rovers were beaten 6-1 at Isleham United in Division 10C, but the final score did not reflect how close it was for the majority of the match.

Isleham's goals came from Connor Stanley (2), Harry Newman (2), Adam Potage and Chester Rudnick.

Jai Fretwell replied for Haddenham.

■ Littleport Rangers continued their fine form with a comfortable 8-2 win at Newmarket Town White in Division 9C. Sam Slee, Joe Cowell, Harvey Williams and Jack Berriman gave Rangers a 4-2 half-time advantage. Williams, Sam Cowell and Slee all added second goals after the break, and Lewis Cowell finished the job.

» Netball

Olivia leads the way in battle against drop

WITH one match remaining, City of Ely II still have everything to fight for at the wrong end of the Cambridge & District League Division One table.

Facing a cluster of recent matches, a spirited display saw City fall to Witchford after being reduced to six players.

A midweek match against Royston II saw the City seven respond to their captain's challenge with determined composure as a late charge saw them steal their second win of the season 31-30. Olivia Petherick, who led by example, was player of the match, while Kathryn Sudbury, Sue Deas, George Chapman, Ellie Travers, Gemma Fuller and Sarah Green all gave everything.

Sunday saw City edged out 45-41 by Storm in a tough match that brought three precious points to leave their fate in their own hands.

» Bowls round-up

Great day for victorious Goves

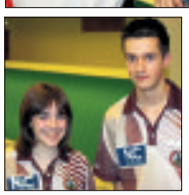
BOWLERS from around the county contested the City of Ely open junior pairs competition on Saturday.

Forty players in under-15 and under-18 age groups played on a round-robin basis, with the winners of each group going through to semi-finals and the final.

Group stage matches were played over six ends, with the semi-finals and finals played over eight.

Robbie Gove and Josh Easy (City of Ely) qualified to play Rachel Howard and Robyn Hall (St Neots) in the first under-15 semi and Rebecca Moorbey and Tom Hall (St Neots) faced clubmates Ryan Perry and Ross Martin in the other. Easy and Gove won 12-3 win to qualify for the final against Moorbey and Hall, who won the second semi 9-6.

In the under-18s, City of Ely's Sarah Gove and Ed Elmore overcame Robbie Barker (St Neots) and Dale Parnell (Wisbech) 14-3 in the first semi, with Jamie Barker and Rebecca Thatcher (St Neots) winning the second 10-4 against Ely's Ben Ackroyd and Chloe Easy. The finals of both age groups were excellent matches with some high-quality play. Ultimately it was a great day for the home supporters, and in particular for the Gove family, with wins for Robbie Gove and Josh Easy in the under-15s and Ed Elmore and Sarah Gove in the under-18s.



Winners: Above – Robbie Gove, left, and Josh Easy. Left – Sarah Gove and Ed Elmore.

› Results & tables

EAST CAMBS CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE

Division One

Results: Swaffham Prior 4 Littleport Village Hall 10, Studlands Park 10 Swaffham Prior 4, Littleport Village Hall 9 Over 5, Cheveley 10 Colne 4.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Over	13	11	1	1	645	338	140
Littleport Village Hall	14	11	2	1	648	426	135
Swaffham Prior	13	8	4	1	545	438	107
Colne	13	7	5	1	500	501	95
Studlands Park	14	6	8	0	498	565	87
Cheveley	15	5	10	0	502	626	85
Willingham	14	6	8	0	513	575	84
Isleham	14	3	11	0	479	663	63
Coveney	12	2	10	0	371	569	58

Division Two

Results: Isleham II 8 Witcham 6, Soham 8 Sutton RBL 6, Over II 4 Swaffham Bulbeck 10.

Exning Road WMC	15	9	6	0	658	553	129
Over II	14	10	4	0	650	465	128
Swaffham Bulbeck	14	7	4	3	548	558	99
Soham	14	7	5	2	559	549	98
Sutton RBL	15	6	9	0	520	653	95
Witcham	14	5	7	2	528	539	93
Bottisham II	13	6	5	2	533	530	90
Little Downham II	14	6	7	1	568	616	90
Isleham II	15	2	11	2	558	659	74

Division Three

Results: Willingham II 8 Littleport Leisure II 6, Little Downham 14 Westley Waterless 0.

Little Downham	13	7	6	0	553	439	112
Soham II	13	7	5	1	597	466	107
Burwell	15	7	6	2	583	589	101
Littleport Leisure	13	7	5	1	546	494	99
Bottisham	12	8	4	0	498	466	90
Westley Waterless	13	8	5	0	507	531	90
Witcham II	11	6	5	0	451	439	80
Willingham II	13	4	9	0	488	609	70
Littleport Leisure II	13	2	11	0	425	615	63

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Youngsters show their bowls skills

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» **Football:** Latest news from the Unwin Ground and Julius Martin Lane

10-man Greens cling on to claim point

SCOTT Carter was sent off as 10-man Soham earned a point at fellow strugglers Cheshunt on Saturday, although they had the chances to win it.

Midfielder Carter was booked twice for handball and departed with 20 minutes remaining, but their opponents did not make their numerical advantage count.

Michael Simpson and Dubi Ogbonna both had opportunities to put the Greens ahead in the first half, before the Cheshunt goalkeeper denied player-manager Andy Furnell at full stretch and produced a double save to

Cheshunt 0 Soham Town Rangers 0
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thwart Ogbonna and Carter.

Chances continued to come following Carter's dismissal, but the visitors did breathe a sigh of relief in stoppage time when a Cheshunt substitute headed over from close range.

The Greens lost 4-0 at home to high-flying Enfield Town on Tuesday night, conceding two goals in each half. the previous Tuesday, Soham were left to rue missed chances as they lost 4-2 away to Tilbury. The Greens went into the game having beaten Grays Athletic, another play-off-chasing side, 3-2 at home the previous Saturday.

But they were beaten as, despite twice drawing level, they conceded two further second-half goals.

Ogbonna and Simon Flanz were the Soham scorers.

The Greens will be looking to put some more space between themselves and the relegation scrap on Saturday when they are due to travel to another struggling team Waltham Forest, kick-off 3pm.

Soaring City on a high!

AUSTIN Diaper scored twice to give Ely victory at Hadleigh and help them extend their lead at the top to five points on Saturday.

The leaders were a bit slow out of the blocks, but they managed to break the deadlock when Diaper headed in off the post from Dave Wilson's free kick.

However, they were finally punished for not clearing their lines and pegged back before the interval.

Manager Alan Alsop's stern half-time team talk paid dividends as Luke Parkinson netted and, after they had defended bravely under a five-minute barrage from the hosts, Diaper smashed in their third on the volley.

"We did what we had to do and the five-minute period of defending in the second half was the defining moment," said Alsop.

However, Ely were brought to earth on Tuesday as second-placed Wroxham scored in injury time to claim a 2-1 win at the Unwin Ground.

Andy Eastaugh gave the visitors a first-half lead, but Josh Bridgeman levelled in the 61st minute.

But Gavin Lemon fired the late, late winner to break Ely hearts.

However, the Robins have a golden opportunity to add to their points tally on Saturday when they are scheduled to travel to the East Coast to take on struggling Great Yarmouth Town, kick-off 3pm.

Then, on Tuesday, they are due to take a break from their pursuit of the league title as they go in search of a place in the Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup final. Their opponents in the semi-final at the Unwin Ground will be Royston Town, currently top of the Molten Spartan South Midlands League, Premier Division, with the winner to face Soham in the final.

On target: Luke Parkinson, who notched Ely's second goal at Hadleigh.

» **Boxing**

Win and defeat: Army team captain Shane Sadler, who endured mixed fortunes in his last two contests.

Varying fortunes for soldier Sadler

SHANE Sadler had a bittersweet outcome in the Combined Services Championships at RAF Cranwell on Thursday.

As Army team captain, Stretham's England international lifted the trophy after his squad retained the overall honours for the 29th year in a row.

But Sadler suffered the Army's only defeat in the competition in losing 3-1 on points to the Navy's Joel Kirby at middleweight – a double blow as it means he has also failed to qualify for the Senior ABA Championships.

To add insult to injury, the reverse came in controversial circumstances as the judges dismissed the referee's call to dock Kirby two points for holding in the final round.

Had the bout finished all-square on points, Sadler discovered he would have edged it on countback.

He said: "I'm absolutely gutted. I was 1-0 up after the first round and 2-1 down after the second, which I couldn't believe.

"I had a go in the last round, trying to hunt him down, and the referee knocked off points for holding, but the judges don't necessarily have to agree.

"I can't believe they didn't think I scored a single shot in the last two rounds, though.

"It was a close bout, but deep down I thought I'd done enough to win.

"It's still a great honour to lift the trophy because the team did really well, but it's just a shame it couldn't have been a whitewash."

Sadler said it had also shown he was literally punching above his weight at middle. He said: "I moved up to 75kg just to fill that spot to benefit the team and I'll be going back down to 71kg now, which is my natural weight."

Meanwhile, Haddenham & Ely hitter Liam Goodjohn lost on points to Chadwell St Mary ABC's J Healey in the Eastern Counties Senior ABA Championships welterweight final at Great Yarmouth. Coach Mike Sawyer said: "Healey was a very good and very experienced boy.

"Liam did what he was told to do and there wasn't a lot in it, but Healey was a very clever boxer."

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